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Hezbollah was hiding behind UN base in which refugees were killed, says Peres

Shelling goes on despite death of 94

From Christopher Walker in jerusalem and Michael Theodoulou in beirut

SHIMON Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, last night made clear that Operation Grapes of Wrath, the bom-bardment of Lehanon, would continue unabated despite the killing of 94 Lebanese civilians sheltering in a United Nations base near Tyre.

What our forces did was reply to to the source of fire," he told a press conference.

The Hezbollah is traditionally trying to look for a shelter behind the lives of the civilian people, they hid themselves behind the civilians."

The Government said Katyusha rocket-launchers had been fired from an area within 300 yards of the UN compound. The actual shooting was done by our forces, said Ehud Barak, the Foreign Minister, "but the overall responsibility lies with Hez-boliah and the Government of

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Mr Barak said the Israeli attacks could last for up to tea. days. "I estimate at least a few days but it's impossible to put a limit on it," he said.

At a hastily summoned press conference last night, Israel's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, said he saw no mistake in judgment in their shelling of the UN base.

"So far as I understand the data now. I do not see any mistake in judgment. We fought Hezboliah there and when they fire on us, we will fire at them to defend ourselves. I do not know of any other rules of the game, either for the army or for civilians."

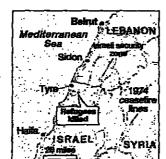
Gunmen kill 18 tourists in Egypt

Gunmen shouting "God is great" killed 17 Greek tourists on an Easter pilgrimage and an Egyptian in a machinegun attack at the Europa Hotel in Cairo yesterday. Another 15 of the pilgrims were injured when the four gunmen opened fire. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion fell on Islamic militants ____ Page 12

Hezbollah issued a statement in Beirut last night denying that it had fired rockets from near the Fijian base of the UN contingent in southern Lebanon.

Pressure for a quick diplo-matic solution intensified after the deaths of the civilians, mostly women and children. who were sheltering in two prefabricated buildings. An estimated 109 people were wounded in the attack.

One of the shelters was burned out, and the doors and



windows of the other were destroyed, leaving the floor strewn with the bodies of the dead and wounded.

"We're under fire," a radio operator at the Fijian-manned base near Tyre in southern Lebanon said, his voice choking: "Shells are landing on headquarters. People are dy-

ing here."

My white rubber shoes have turned red from the blood," said Hassan Seklawi, a Lebanese who works as a liaison officer for the UN force. "I had to walk over bodies that covered the walkways at the base," he said.

A mother and her six children were also reported to have been killed during an attack on the Muslim Shia village of Nabatiyet in southern Lebanon.

The Clinton Administration last night urged all parties to show restraint but it refused to condemn Israel's action. "Fundamentally the problem is created by Katyusha attacks into northern Israel," said Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. They had treated a "very dangerous situation" and "the parties ought to recognise that the way to resolve this problem is for those Katyusha attacks to be stopped".

Diplomatic sources said that Dennis Ross, the State Department's senior official involved in the Middle East, was en route to the region to try to broker a ceasefire.

Uri Dromi, the Israeli Government's chief spokesman said: "All of us regret this



A Lebanese boy is trapped in his house bombed in yesterday's attacks. A woman and eight children were killed

not target civilians and we do not target UN camps and positions."

Israeli commentators said that the disaster had posed major problems for Mr Peres, whose chances of winning the Israeli election on May 29 had been boosted by the earlier attacks on Lebanon.

The UN in New York confirmed that Hezbollah guerrillas had fired a volley of missiles and mortars from a position near its Fijian base 15 minutes before the Israeli attack. Sylvana Foa, the chief UN spokeswoman, said: "We were not aware there was a

tragedy, but one thing has to Hezbollah position 300 yards eign Secretary, said he was searching for loved ones while

The Israeli Defence Forces knew the precise position of all UN contingents in southern Lebanon, she said. Previous Israeli shelling near the base had been described by the Israelis as "accidental" and attributed to "equipment

failure". Expressing "shock and horror" at the attack, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General sent his top military adviser, Major-General Frank van Kappen, from New York to southern Lebanon to conduct

an investigation. Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

shelling. The latest incident demonstrates the urgent need

for violence in the region to be ren, one a four-day-old girl, were killed when Israeli war-

planes rocketed their home. Two teenage relatives of the family died in the same attack. Most of the casualties that flooded into Tyre's chaotic hospitals after the Israeli attack were women and children. Grief-stricken survivors

picked through the rubble

outrage. The Government issued a brought to an end," he said in warning that the Israeli at-Just hours before the shells hit the UN post, a Lebanese mother and her seven child-

tacks were serving only to galvanise support for the radicai pro-iranian movement which vowed to avenge the deaths. It fired rockets across the border within hours of the attack on the UN base and a spokesman said its "suicide brigades" were ready in southern Lebanon to "shake the earth under the feet of the criminal Zionists".

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Labour to end child benefit for the over-16s

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR is poised to scrap child benefit for a million youngsters aged between 16 and 18 and transfer the £700m it costs into improving educa-tion and training for poorer

The move, which highlights the party's recognition of the need to make hard choices on spending to avoid tax inreases, will be signalled by Gordon Brown today when he announces that a Labour government would overhaul the funding of higher education and training. The current

budget is more than £9 billion. The Shadow Chancellor will say that the review, to be conducted with David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, is part of a wider programme to create

equality of opportunity.

The shift of resources would be intended to encourage more children from poorer families to stay on at school and go on to university or

But the policy will stress the point made consistently by Tony Blair and Mr Brown that savings must first be identified to finance new spending commitments. It also suggests that the party leadership accepts that it must show that recent overtures towards the middle classes does not mean it is putting aside its responsibilities to lower income families. The plan will almost certainly figure in Labour's election

Mr Brown will underline that Labour's commitment to keeping child benefit universally paid to mothers remains, and that the party is still considering whether it should Continued on page 2, col 1

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I suppose there's always a career in the Treasury"

Hanging vigil

The mother and sister of John Martin Scripps, the British serial killer who murdered tourists, maintained a vigil outside the Singapore prison where he was due to be hanged at dawn Page 5



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Budget tax cuts are hit by £3bn setback

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND JANET BUSH

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday tried to dampen expecta-tions of a pre-election tax giveaway as government borrowing overshot official forecasts by more than £3 billion.
As the Tory Right intensified its calls for substantial tax cuts to rescue the party from electoral defeat, the Chancellor echoed John Major's caution. A day after the Prime Minister told colleagues hefty cuts would be "reckless and silly". Mr Clarke told MPs it would be wholly wrong to attempt "to buy the next election by treeponsible tax cuts".

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, added later that Mr Clarke would reduce taxes when it can prudently be done".

While all MPs think the Government will make some tax cuts in November, a concerted attempt is under way to depress expectations, mainly because figures released yesterday suggest any scope will be severely limited. Some experts even say there is no case for any autumn cuts.

minute giveaway would not convince voters and could damage the economy.
Yesterday's borrowing figures even prompted some economists to argue that the package of tax cuts announced last November, and imple-

Mr Major has been making clear for some time that a last-

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Portillo apology to dead girl's parents

By Michael Horsnell

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, has written a private letter of condolence to the parents of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide, expressing the shame felt by the Army at her killing by three drunken British soldiers in Cyprus.

Ministry sources also indi-

cated yesterday that any claim for compensation by the couple for her death should be directed through the British Ambassador in Copenhagen. The developments are expected to satisfy the wishes of Poul and Anette Jensen who protested through The Times that they had received neither apology nor an offer of compensation since the three Royal Green Jackets were sentenced to life imprisonment three weeks ago Through an intermediary. Morten Larsen, they had protested to the Prime Minister about the official silence after

the convictions.
In a separate move, Nicholas Soames, the armed forces minister, has written to The Times saying: "we all share in the agony which will be felt by

Miss Jensen's parents". He adds: "I offer to Miss Jensen's grieving parents, family and friends, on behalf the Government and all British forces, my heartfelt sympathy and regret." The Army would not tolerate "anything less than the highest possible standards of behaviour".

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Dim prospects for babies who suck dummies

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

BABIES given dummies grow up dumber than average, a new study has

Researchers from Southampton University stumbled on the link when trying to establish whether breastfeeding affects intelligence. They could find no such link, but were startled to discover that of all the factors that may be linked to a child's intelligence, the use of dummies was the strongest. There are many possible reasons.

One is that dummies pacify infants so successfully that they become less receptive to outside stimuli. Another is that parents whose babies use dummies do not interact sufficiently with them. Or it may simply be that dummies are used by less intelligent parents who, on average, will have

less intelligent children. The research involved testing the IQ of nearly 1,000 men and women born in Hertfordshire between 1920 and 1930. An unusually diligent team of health visitors kept exhaustive records of these babies. Catharine Gale and Christopher Martyn, from the Medical Research Council's Environmental Epidemiology Unit at Southampton, report in The Lancet that they compared the IQ of the adults with details about their treatment as infants.

In the test subjects were given marks out of 50. The participants scored an average of about 22 or 23, but those who had sucked dummies scored an average 3.5 points less.

"Babies who had dummies were more likely to come from lower social classes and larger families, but even when these factors were screened out dummy use was still a very strong predictor," Ms Gale said.

breast-feeding did have an effect on IQ. In the Hertfordshire group, those who had been breast-fed showed a slightly higher IQ — 22.3, on average, compared with 21.5 — but when the results were corrected for other variables, the link disappeared.

Earlier studies suggested that

In a commentary in the same journal, William and Mark Feldman, of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, say: "The best evidence is that intelligent, loving and caring mothers are more likely to have intelligent children, irrespective of how they feed their babies."



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Heseltine — a model mayor for London

Turn again, Heseltine, Thou worthy citizen. Lord Mayor of London.

MICHAEL HESELTINE told MPs yesterday that, if invited to serve as elected Mayor of London, he was ready to answer the call.

The extraordinary announcement appears to have been made off the cuff and without Cabinet consultation - but that's what you risk when you let the PM slip away to the Ukraine. In Mr Major's place at Prime Minister's Questions sat his stand-in, Mr Heseltine. Opposite sat Labour's own second-in-command, John Prescott.

Prime Minister had swept in

description in a new Conservative propaganda sheet, Look!. a sort of Tory Pravda clutched in the sweaty palms of half the government benches yesterday. In its fashion centre-pages ("It's hats off to British fashion!") Look! had described Heseltine as the "guiding light" in the re-

Whether it was as exemplar. fashion model or political beacon that Heseltine is proving such an inspiration on the catwalks of Britain was unclear but, with only the disco music missing, our ministerial supermodel stalked to his place, executed a half-The ash-blonde Deputy turn and reclined on the bench, looking too sexy for his

emergence of the industry.



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

shirt, and ready for anything. Eat your heart out, John Blair's deputy's first chance to demonstrate his middle-class credentials in the Chamber. He started well. Remember

that shrewd analysis in 1990 Prescott began. "Shrewd analysis" indeed! This was definitely lounge bar stuff. Not for the public bar or darts board was a phrase like "shrewd analysis". You cannot imagine John Prescott, the former seamen's union shop

side crate to declare: "Here, brothers, is my shrewd analysis of the scabs' betrayal."

So far so good, but he spoilt it. So carried away was Prescott by shrewd analysis that after a few seconds he began to shout (to cheers): "Dump Maior!". Perhaps aware that he had compromised his middleclassness. Prescott overcompensated wildly, prattling excitedly about an editorial in The Daily Telegraph - "the middle-class bible", he

explained. Sorry, but you cannot pro-

Mirror to The Daily Telegraph without passing through the Daily Mail on the way. A decent pause with a middle market tabloid might lend credibility to Mr Prescott's upwardly mobile route

Meanwhile, what of Michael Heseltine, a man whose own class pretensions Alan Clark has lampooned with the observation that he looks like the kind of man who buys his own furniture? Everybody knows Mr Heseltine wanted to be Prime Minister, and tried hard for the job. Twice at least he thought he had it in his grasp. Twice he failed. Like Dick Whittington and his cat he has seemed of late to be

plodding towards the horizon, knapsack over shoulder. defeated.

But, said Labour's David Jamieson (Plymouth, Devonport) yesterday. Heseltine loved inventing new titles. So what did he think of the title of Mayor - elected - of London?

To MPs' astonishment the Deputy Prime Minister took this as an offer. "I'd have to consider it," he said. thoughtfully.

President of the Board of Trade, Deputy Prime Minister, supermodel, and now Lord Mayor of London? Turn again, Heseltine. All he needs now is a spotted handkerchief and Humphrey, the Downing

Lack of winter rain hits water supplies

Water companies warned yesterday that water shortages were likely this summer because of the lack of winter rainfall. The warning came after Lord Crickhowell, the former chairman of the National Rivers Authority, advised consumers to start economising on water now or face shortages. He said it would be "extraordinarily foolist to

express confidence about the water situation this summiter Reservoirs were very low and any attempt to stop water leakage would not be effective in the time available, he said "There is therefore a real need . . . to attempt saving and to be economical with water because the only alternative is in take water from the rivers — with real environmental take water from the rivers — with real environmental damage resulting." The Water Services Association, which represents the ten major water companies, said the unusually dry winter weather was giving cause for contern. A spokeswoman said: We really do need substantial rainfall to make up the deficit, especially in the north and north-west regions. Manchester, for example, has been drier over the last few months than Madrid or Majorea.

Solicitors lose contract

Solicitors representing 965 people claiming to suffer from Gulf War syndrome learnt yesterday that the contract is lead the compensation case against the Ministry of Defence will go to another firm. Down & Co of Manchester had been involved in the legal battle for compensation for Gulf. War veterans since 1991 but last year the contract was put out for tender by the Legal Aid Board and in August 1995 was awarded to Dawbarns of King's Lynn, Norfolk, Are examination of the two tenders has upheld the decision.

Tanker inquiry refused

The Government has refused to hold a public inquiry into the Sea Empress oil tanker accident off Milford Haven in February despite requests from 74 organisations. In a Commons reply, Steven Norris, a transport minister, told the Plaid Cymru MP Cynog Dafis: "We believe that the investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Board into the grounding and the subsequent salvage operations is the most effective and rapid means of determining the facts and any lessons which need to be learnt."

Second murder arrest

A second man has been arrested in connection with the murder in Leeds of Stevan Popovic. 74, a former Yugoslav resistance fighter, Leeds magistrates were told yesterday. Clive Jones, 25, of Gipton, Leeds, who denies murder, was appearing in court for the second time when his solicitor gave news of the development. Police later confirmed that a number of people were being questioned about Mr. Popovic's murder, but that no one else had been charged. The bearing was adjourned.

Student drugs concern

Seven out of ten colleges responding to a survey by the Further Education Development Agency reported drug-related incidents over the past year. More than a thirdconsidered drug-taking among students to be a serious problem, although they said that alcohol was causing greater concern. The survey, answered by more than half of the 450 colleges, showed that 75 per cent of agricultural colleges had experienced incidents attributable to drugs.

Paternal blues

Postnatal depression affects men as well as women and Malcolm George, a neuroscientist at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, said yesterday. Studies show that as many as one in ten fathers may be affected. However, the cause of the depression is different. In women it is known to be linked to hormonal changes after birth. Men may then "catch" the depression from their partners:

Operations cancelled

The number of hospital operations cancelled at the last minute has risen to 52,000, according to a parliamentary answer obtained by Labour. The total, for the first three quarters of 1995-96, has outstripped that for the whole of 1994-95, when 48,000 operations were cancelled. The rise was highest in the third quarter, up by 22 per cent nationally compared with the same period a year earlier. In the South Thames region the rise was 90 per cent.

Animals stop the post

Royal Mail postmen and women were attacked 5,891 times by animals last year, with about 99 per cent carried out by dogs, the Government has disclosed. The injuries resulted in the loss of 4.817 working days. There were also 143 attacks by animals on Parcelforce delivery staff, with a total of 63 working days lost. Phillip Oppenheim, the junior Trade and Industry Minister, said in a Commons written

Blunkett pledges to scrap Tories' nursery vouchers By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR LABOUR is promising to four-year-olds would depend needed to fund vouchers when on the demand for places and

scrap the nursery voucher scheme if it wins the next election. But vouchers already issued to four-year-olds will be

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, told a news conference in London yesterday that Labour would expect to give all four-year-olds an entitlement to free nursery education within 18 months of coming to power. The E185 million new money earmarked for vouchers would fund the necessary

Under Labour's scheme, local authorities would buy some places in private nurseries and voluntary playgroups. But the timing of a new government guarantee for

number of vouchers redeemed outside the state system.

Mr Blunkett would not be drawn on how long it would take to fulfil his more ambitious promise of nursery education for all three-year-olds. Labour would draw up targets once in office, but these would depend on the time required to train the nursery teachers and other staff.

Opposition parties have attacked the bureaucracy of the Government's voucher scheme, which was launched this week in Norfolk and three London boroughs. Some £20 million of the new money will go on administration and

inspection.

Most of the £565 million

Child benefit plan

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taxpayers.
Child benefit is paid to eligible children aged to and announcement when he delivover if they stay on at school. However, the Institute for Fiscal Studies has reported that 80 per cent of children school at 16.

Mr Blair and Mr Brown have told colleagues that they must face the tough choices now rather than wait till they get into Government. Mr Blair heralded the move at this week's Shadow Cabinet, when he told colleagues that if they

lost the education battle they would also lose the economic

Mr Brown will make his

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ers the John Smith memorial lecture at Edinburgh University. It will be the first of a series of speeches by him and Mr Blair over the next ten days in which they will stress that Labour's plans to tackle economic failure and insecurity requires an active government to help people cope with

the scheme goes nationwide next year is being clawed back from local authority budgets allocated for preschool education. The authorities will only get the money back when parents prefer their nurseries to private or voluntary Mr Blunkett said local authorities were expected to foot the bill for a wasteful and

unnecessarily complex system. "This will have a devastating impact on current provision, with experienced teachers being laid off." Robin Squire, the Schools

Minister, accused Labour of misleading parents over the voucher scheme and of having no fully costed plans. "Labour is frightened of giving parents the power to choose what is best for their children." The Pre-School Learning

Alliance, which represents thousands of voluntary playgroups. also attacked Labour's plans. Margaret Lochrie, the chief executive. said vouchers were not ideal but did provide urgently-needed financial help for those not served by local authorities.

Mrs Lochrie said: "There is a paradox at the heart of On the one hand, Labour pledges its commitment to work in partnership with the voluntary sector and other providers. However, at the same time, there is a clear inference that provision that does not take place in schools is of low quality."



Rare royal smile sells for £140

A RARE photograph showing Queen Victoria smiling was sold for £140 at auction

yesterday. Charles Knight managed to record the happy moment during Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. She was visiting Newport on the Isle of Wight

where Knight had a photographic business.

Originally the picture also showed the Queen's daughter Princess Beatrice and her sonin-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse. It was cropped and sold as a postcard. The copy sold yesterday at Ewbanks in

Send, Surrey, was an original kept by Knight and handed down through his family. It was bought by a private

In New York yesterday a signed photo of Victoria and Prince Albert thought to date from 1861 fetched £1,675.

Judge 'reluctantly' denies housing for asylum seekers

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ASYLUM seekers were dealt a fresh blow yesterday by a High Court ruling that they cannot claim council housing while waiting to hear if they are granted refugee status.

But, in a highly unusual move, Mr Justice Popplewell admitted he made his ruling - which affects up to 30,000 people a year now stripped of welfare benefits under the Government's crackdown - with "reluctance" and "some considerable doubt". The judge said he had asked Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls and head of the Court of Appeal civil division, for an appeal to

be heard as a matter of urgency.

The ruling was immediately condemned by refugee charities, who said people fleeing from persecution would have to choose between returning to the country where their lives are in danger — "or staying in

the UK as beggars of the worst kind". The judge ruled that four friendless emergency welfare help under social

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security regulations designed to curb bogus asylum claims, were not entitled to housing as "vulnerable" people under the 1985 Housing Act. Asylum seekers were now being left on the streets "with nowhere to go and nothing to obtain food or nourishment", he said. The judge added he had been told: "They cannot get blankets or anything to keep themselves warm. They simply have the clothes they arrived in, and that is the extent of their belongings."

The judge said the four applicants

for judicial review had argued that

their destitute position amounted to a "special reason" why they should be helped. But he declared that it could not, under housing law, amount to a special reason, as this category only covered victims of floods, fire or some

other similar emergency. The four applicants were Joseph Kihara, a Kenyan said to have fled to the UK in February after being tortured: Lidya Araya, an Ethiopian who also arrived in February: Dragomir Pavlov, a Bulgarian who arrived in March, and Telekeja Ilunga-Ilunga, who fled from Zaire.

Regulations introduced in February by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, ban people who fail to apply for asylum immediately on arrival in Britain from receiving income support, housing benefit or from enjoying any part of the welfare "safety net". They are also prevented

from working for six months.

Pending their appeal against the ruling, the four legally-aided applicants will be temporarily housed by the authorities which refused them accommodation and opposed their application for judicial review

Prison criticised | Navy show sinks | Tax setback over suicide wife

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A SUICIDAL woman killed herself within two hours of being admitted to Holloway Prison because staff were negligent and left her alone. an inquest jury decided

Claire Bosley, remanded in custody last November for killing her husband, stuffed paper tissues down her throat and choked. She had made at least three attempts to kill herself while being held by police. The prison was given a written warning that she should be supervised.

But during a three-day inquest at the City of London Coroner's Court a jury was told that the warning was virtually ignored. Mrs Bosley. 34. was left in a holding area where a two-way mirror had been fitted back to front by mistake so she could not be watched.

Prison officers also failed to monitor closed-circuit television cameras and there was no videotape inside them. Mrs Bosley lay dead in a lavatory cubicle for up to an hour. Yesterday, after the jury returned the unusual verdict

of "suicide contributed to by

neglect", Paul Matthews, the

Deputy Coroner, said: "Action

should be taken to prevent this sort of thing happening again. This was a sad and tragic case." He would have reported the findings to the authorities but the prison's deputy governor was in court.

During the inquest Pauline Martindale, a senior prison officer specialising in dealing with potential suicides, admitted that she had read quickly a police form warning that Mrs Bosley was a suicide risk, but had missed the words "required constant supervision" at the bottom.

Many prisoners arrived with the form and proved to be all right, she said. Her assessment was that Mrs Bosley was not a major risk.

A Prison Service spokesman said the death was regretted. Investigations were started immediately and many recommendations were being implemented. These included changes to the reception procedures and others requiring longer-term actions.

Mike Ainsworth, deputy governor of Holloway, said no disciplinary action had been taken, but he would now consider whether Miss Martindale would remain a suicide awareness trainer.

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to four warships

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

NAVY DAY at Portsmouth will be a pale shadow of its former self this year with only four frontline warships on show for the public and not an aircraft carrier in sight. The size of the mini-fleet has

that the chairman of the Portsmouth leisure committee called yesterday for the event to be scrapped rather than sink into oblivion. Mavis Southwell said she was astonished when it was announced that only four warships could make it for Navy

so shocked the local council

Day which will run from May 25-27. "It is like an old actor or actress taking cheap little parts just to keep going, it is far better to go when you are at the height of your glory than carry on like that," she

The number of ships available has been cut back in recent years but this is thought to be the smallest offering since the annual event began more than a century ago. A decade ago, more than 100,000 people turned out to go aboard 19 warships.

The four main warships on show will be two Type 23 frigates, HMS Westminster and HMS Richmond, and the

Type 42 destroyers, HMS Exeter and HMS Gloucester. They will be joined by a survey vessel and two minehunters. The Germans, Belgians and French are also sending ships. The only submarine on show

will be a German U17.

A spokesman for the Royal Navy said that next month two thirds of the fleet would either be on operations or exercises, or preparing to go. The three aircraft carriers were all engaged elewhere: HMS Illustrious on the Purple Star exercise in the United States. HMS Invincible on a twoweek notice to go back to the Adriatic and HMS Ark Royal in a state of extended readiness, a form of mothballing

with minimum crew. The spokesman said only fully-manned warships were sent to the event because it was an invaluable recruiting

The Navy's dilemma is that seven warships and a subma-rine are involved in the Purple Star exercise including the veteran assault ship, HMS Fearless. A Navy spokesman said: "We are heavily committed around the world and we have a smaller fleet than we did ten years ago,

Continued from page 1 mented at the beginning this month, were not justified. The Government borrowed £9.6 billion in March, taking the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement - the Budget deficit - to £32.2 billion for the whole financial year - £3.2 billion higher than the Chan-

cellor forecast in the Budget. His panel of independent forecasters recently expressed concern about calls for November tax cuts, three out of six members arguing that, if anything, the right policy would be to raise taxes.

Yesterday, the City joined the chorus of voices urging caution. Geoffrey Dicks of NatWest Markets said: "With hindsight we can question the validity of the tax cuts that have just been implemented."

There was no shortage of culprits. Tax revenues were weaker than the Treasury had forecast. Corporation taxes were £1.25 billion below target, and there were shortfalls of £750 million each on income

taxes and VAT receipts, The Chancellor receiver some good news with a cut in German interest rates. Separate encouraging figures yes terday showed British headline inflation unchanged at 27 per cent in March and underlying inflation steady at 2.9 per cent.

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Black teenager 'murdered by race-hate gang'

By RICHARD DUCE

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ATEENAGER was stabbed to death by a gang of white youths simply because he was black, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. Stephen Lawrence, 18, was surrounded by up to six attackers as he waited for a bus to take him home in southeast London almost

Michael Mansfield, QC, for the prosecution, said: There can be no mistaking that this was an unprovoked, unwarranted attack by those who held not just racist views but racist views that involved the desecration of those who are black by injury and possibly

He told the jury: "There was no other reason for this attack. which was swift and merciless and vicious. The assailants disappeared into the night. The reason he was set upon by this group was because of his skin – he was black.

"Stephen struggled a few yards up the road, collapsed and was dead within half an hour. This was a group attack - they approached together, attacked together and disap-

peared together." Stephen bled to death after he was stabbed twice near the bus stop in Eltham on the night of April 22, 1993.

Mr Mansfield was opening the prosecution of three youths accused of 18-year-old Ste-



Stephen Lawrence: died after bus-stop stabbing

phen's killing in Eltham. southeast London. Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen, who were in court yesterday, brought a private prosecution against them. It is only the fourth such prosecution of its

kind in the past 130 years. Neil Acourt, 20, and Luke Knight, 19, both from Eltham, and Gary Dobson, 20, from

Bromley, Kent, deny murder. Stephen was attacked while with his friend Dwayne Brooks, who managed to escape. "One got away and lives to tell the tale, but the other didn't," Mr Mansfield said.

seven men and five women: "Stephen Lawrence was at Bluecoat School in southeast London doing what many ordinary young people do, just going to school and continuing his studies. What he didn't know was that it was going to be his last day at school."

Mr Mansfield described how the two friends went to see one of Stephen's relatives after school. At about 10pm they caught a bus towards their homes and then got off to wait for another to complete the journey. Mr Brooks, 21, told the jury he then walked down the road because no bus appeared to be coming. Stephen followed hehind and then moved in front of him.

He said there was a gang of white youths on the opposite side of the road and one of them shouted: "What, what

The youths then ran across the road and surrounded Stephen. His friend described how Stephen appeared to be stabbed once before falling to the ground. "Blood was running out on the floor," Mr Brooks said.

Stephen then managed to run some 130 yards before he collapsed in the street and Mr Brooks called an ambulance. Stephen was certified dead at

Earlier Mr Mansfield



Neville and Doreen Lawrence arriving yesterday for the case against three youths accused of their son's murder

knife with an Sin blade that was found in a street near by. He said it could not be proved to be the murder weapon, but was similar to the knife used to inflict the 4in deep stab

wounds that Stephen suffered. Alexandra Marie, a witness, said she was at the bus stop and saw the two boys talking. They seemed cheerful. One of them was trying to practise a few steps of dance - discreetly, not to show off," she said. There were some other young people who arrived -- they hit." she said.

were white." She heard a noise and saw one of the "coloured men on the ground and then white ones who were hitting him and leaning over him". She added that Stephen's friend had run up and shouted: "Run, Steve, run." Stephen had got up and crossed the

road. "He had tried to protect himself. But not to fight or

Joseph Shepherd, who lived on the same estate as Stephen and knew him by sight, saw the attack. In a statement read out to the court by the prosecution. Mr Shepherd said he had watched the black boys as they walked along the road and encountered the group of white youths. "I heard the

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white youths say something to Stephen Lawrence."

The black boys were about ten yards in front of the group when they turned round to face them, Mr Shepherd said. "Suddenly the youths charged at Stephen and his mate. They were shouting and cheering. They didn't stand a chance,"

The hearing continues on

School mourns love-rift teacher

By Stephen Farrell

PUPILS and staff at a comprehensive school yesterday mourned the apparent suicide of a geography tutor whose wife ran off with the music teacher.

Nigel Harper-Tarr, 44, was found dead in a fume-filled car on Sunday, two days before summer term began. Friends believe the father of four could not face seeing his wife, Pauline, with her new lover. All three taught at Magdalen College School in Brackley,

Northamptonshire. Mrs Harper-Tarr, a special needs teacher, began an affair with Steve Pogson, 43, the music teacher, on a school trip. She subsequently moved out of the family home.

Elaine Wotherspoon. head teacher, refused to discuss the personal circumstance behind the tragedy, but issued a statement saying: The governors, staff, students and parents have all been devastated by the tragic news. Such a popular and highly respected colleague will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his family at this time."

Mrs Harper-Tart declined to comment yesterday. She and Mr Pogson have been granted compassionate leave.

Mrs Wotherspoon broke the news to pupils at a special assembly on Tuesday. Parents were told by letter. An inquest was opened and adjourned by the Northamptonshire Coroner on Wednesday.

Student sues law firm for £2m over family will

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S biggest law firm is being sued by a student on legal aid for a larger share of a £50 million family will.

Old Etonian, has filed a £2 million negligence claim against Clifford Chance, the second largest law firm in the

He claims the firm was negligent in failing to finalise the revised will of his greatuncle Eric Hopton before he died childless in January 1991 aged 72, ten months after a heart attack.

Mr Trusted received £50,000 under the terms of his great-uncle's will drawn up in 1984, with the balance of the estate after legacies going to Mr Hopton's nephews, Christopher and Nicholas Hopton.

Mr Trusted, of Belgravia, central London, claims that Clifford Chance and one of its partners, David Bowyer, were negligent.

Lawyers for Mr Trusted say the firm should have pro-cessed the new will more and what he would have quickly. David Oliver, QC, for received under the new will. Mr Trusted, told Mr Justice Parker that a series of drafts of Bowyer went on a three-



Trusted: received only £50,000 from great-uncle

a new will were drawn up but were not executed when Mr

Hopton's death, lengthy negotiations culminated in a deed of family arrangement in Jan-uary 1993, under which Mr Trusted and his brother received substantial benefit. Mr Trusted is suing for the differ-

The court was told that Mr

to November 1990 and Mr Hopton was happy to leave the amendments until his return. Mr Bowyer gave emergency contact numbers and thought it wise that Mr Hopton should ponder the proposed changes for a few

months. By the autumn, it was clear that Mr Hopton's health was unlikely to improve and that another attack would be fatal, the court was told. By December, Mr Bowyer had begun "putting pen to paper" on the new will, and a second draft had been sent to Mr Hopton by Christmas. He was expecting to go through the amendments when his client returned to London from

Devon on January 5. On January 2, Mr Bowyer was advised by Christopher Hopton not to send his greatuncle any letters that might worry him, but to wait for the meeting. But the next day Mr Hopton was admitted to hospital and died ten days later.

The firm and Mr Bowyer deny acting in breach of duty, and say the instructions they received were not sufficient to enable the will to be completed more quickly.

month sabbatical from August By FRANCES GIRB

Dominic Trusted, 22, an

Hopton died. Mr Oliver said that after Mr

has a rude awakening

By Ouver August A 100-year-old tortoise has been stolen from a garden after waking from hibernation. Joey emerged from the spring weather when he was unhooked from his lead, most likely to be sold on the black market.

Lynne Meadows, 46, Joey's owner, had only left him unattended for a few minutes at her home in Chalford, Gloucestershire. He had been in the family for 60 years. "I couldn't believe it when I saw the string and hook with no tortoise on the end," she said. "He's definitely been stolen because he could not have got off the book on his own and the

string is not broken."

Tortoises have became a popular target for thieves since an import han was imposed in 1985. Prices have soared to £300 for each creature and zoos and pet shops have repeatedly been burgled. The RSPCA has devised security measures to combat tortoise theft, one of Britain's fastest-growing crimes. It advises owners that photographing their distinc-tive bellies, marking the shells in invisible ink and having microchips implanted in their legs to prove identity. Tortoises, once common, are now rare in northern

Europe. The ban was im-

posed after a public outcry shipped to Britain in baskets.

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School takes pot luck | Old tortoise in farm-goat swap A SCHOOL struck a pot of end when teachers swapped a yesterday that she had asked the school for a kid from its

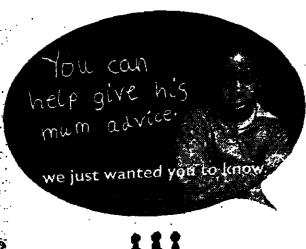
gold when teachers swapped a goat for a vase made by a local potter. While the goat was valued at a few pounds when the deal was made in 1970, the vase is now valued at up to £30,000.

Writhlington secondary school in Radstock, Somerset, plans to sell the pot by the internationally-renowned potter Hans Coper at Sotheby's on May 7 to raise money for a new sports hall.

His widow, Jane, 64, said

farm after the couple moved into a derelict house at Frome. "Hans offered to pay for the goat, but the teacher in charge wouldn't accept any money for it. In the end, he just said: 'Oh, just give me a pot. Of course, at the time he was not to know that a pot by Hans Coper was

worth a lot more than a goat." Simon Cottle. Sotheby's ceramics specialist, said: "The school got the bargain of a lifetime."



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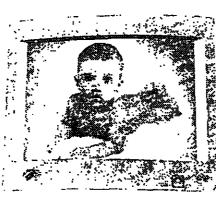
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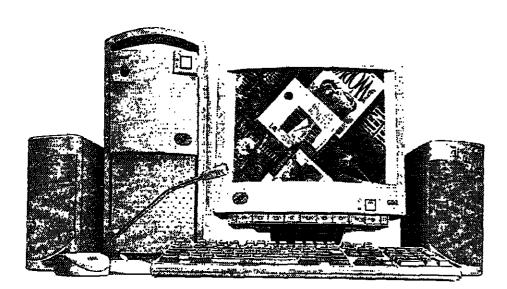
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Family stage Singapore hanging vigil for killer who dismembered his victims

By Andrew Drummond and Joanna Bale

THE mother and sister of tell me." Earlier he had re-John Martin Scripps, the British serial killer who murdered tourists for their credit cards and cash, maintained a vigil outside a Singapore prison last night as he was due to be hanged at dawn.

HE TIMES PRIDAY APRIL

Jean Scripps, from Sandown, Isle of Wight, and her daughter Janet, from Bengeo, Hertfordshire, said their final farewells to the 36-year-old murderer during a visit yester-day afternoon. They left, visi-bly distressed, after being told that they could return today to inspect his body.

Scripps, who chopped up his victims with a butcher's knife, was scheduled to be executed in Changi jail at 6am local time - 11pm in Britain. In a semi-literate scrawl on a scrap of paper, he wrote that he gave himself to a God who had betrayed him. He wrote: You may take my life for what it is worth, but grant thows I love, pease and

In prison Scripps had also written an account of how he escaped his own hanging to fall into the arms of his mother and sister, but yesterday there appeared to be little chance of

As the two women left the prison after their final visit, they declined to say whether Scripps had at last admitted murdering the Briton Timothy MacDowall, who went missing in Central America after Scripps had milked his bank accounts in London. Scripps, a convicted drugs trafficker who has two uncles in jail for murder, was due to become the first Briton to be executed in Singapore since the country

was given independence. Before his death Scripps, whose only love outside his family was his Medican exwife, Maria Arellanos, summed up his life in a misspelt epitaph: "One day poor. One day reach. Money filds the pane of huger but what will fill ne emteness inside I know that love is beyond me. So do I give myself to god. The god that has betrad me. Can I be a person again? Only time well

quested if books to read before he died, including War and Peace, Darkness at Noon and The Holy Sinner.

Yesterday journalists were banned from the prison environs, including Changi Prison Museum, a popular tourist spot. The Singapore Government was not expected to make an announcement before 9am local time.

Before she left Britain, Mrs Scripps said: "These bastards have no right to take my son's life. I brought him into the world. I am the only person who can take him out of it."

Scripps was sentenced to death after being convicted of the murder of a South African, Gerard Lowe, in an hotel in Singapore in March last year. The court was told that Scripps, who learnt butchery while in Albany Prison on the Isle of Wight, chopped up Mr Lowe, a chemical engineer with South African Breweries, and placed the parts in black plastic rubbish bags which he threw into Singapore harbour.

He was also named in



Maria Arellanos: eloped with Scripps when 15

Thailand as the murderer of Sheila and Darin Damude, a Canadian woman and her son, whose bodies were found in woodland and at a quarry on the Thai holiday island of Phuket.

Like Gerard Lowe, their misfortune was to travel the same holiday route as Scripps, who posed as a bumbling tourist while secretly plotting their murders. Scotland Yard also believes that Scripps mur-



Jean Scripps said goodbye to her son in Changi jail. "They have no right to take his life," she said

dered Timothy MacDowall, 28, a financial adviser from south London who disappeared while in holiday in Mexico and Belize. Papers found on Scripps when he was arrested showed that he had milked Mr MacDowall's bank account in London of El3.000.

Scripps has spent the past few months in jail writing letters and reading in his small cell, where the light was kept on 24 hours a day and his movements were monitored by camera.

He was born in Hertford on December 9, 1959. His father, Leonard, was a London lorry driver. He committed suicide when Scripps was eight years old and Scripps found the

His life of crime began as a teenager. He was convicted of theft, indecent assault, burglary and heroin trafficking and spent most of his life in jail or escaping from it.

While on holiday in Mexico he eloped with a 15-year-old Mexican girl, Maria Arell-anos. They came to London and were married. She left him after he was jailed for a series of burglaries and later married a member of the Royal Protection Squad, PC Ken Coid. When this marriage also failed, she returned to Mexico City, where she is now living with a taxi driver.

Scripps absconded four times while on home leave from prison. In 1994 he was serving two six-year sentences in the Mount Prison. Hemel Hempstead, for heroin trafficking, when he was given leave to visit his mother and

Mrs Scripps claims that she begged the authorities not to release him: "He had sold all his belongings in prison and I knew he was going to run."
That did not stop her giving him £200 to embark on his murderous world tour.

In Mexico City, Arelianos, 33, said: "John disappeared on several trips and went to the United States and South-East Asia. I knew something awful was happening, but I could not believe he had started killing people."



John Scripps in prison. His family have been told they can inspect his body today

North West Water: an apology

A REPORT (November 13 last year) on Ofwat's investigation of North West Water and certain other water companies stated that Ian Byatt, the Director-General of Ofwat. had told the company that one of the reasons for his investigation is sewage contamination to the water of 700,000 customers".

We now accept this was incorrect and there was no evidence of any sewage con-tamination affecting water supplies in the North West Water area. We apologise for any distress this statement caused to their customers.

A second report on the same date quoted Mr Byatt as saying that certain water companies were cheating their customers by charging them for sub-standard services and clean-up schemes which failed to materialise. In fact, Mr Byatt made no such accusation. We greatly regret any damage which may have been caused to North West Water's reputation by these statements and have agreed to make a substantial donation to their nominated charity, Water Aid, by way of apology.

Trial delayed for 'husband' of girl, 13

THE trial of a Turkish waiter charged with raping the 13-year-old British girl he "married" in a religious ceremony not recognised by the state was adjourned yesterday to allow official papers on Sarah Cook to arrive from Britain

Musa Komeagac, 18, told television cameras in broken English outside the court at Kahramanmaras: "Hello Sarah, how are you, my good? I love you. I miss you very much."

The trial will resume in June. In January the authorities learnt that the couple had taken part in an Islamic ceremony after meeting last summer in a southern Turkish resort. Sarah has been made a ward of a British court and returned home to Braintree, Essex, in February.

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Saudi dissident can stay after Howard U-turn

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Saudi dissident Muhammad al-Masari, ordered out of Britain in a government move to protect arms sales to Saudi Arabia, was told yesterday that he could stay after all, for at least four years.

In an embarrassing climbdown, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, lifted the deportation threat and granted him exceptional leave to

But Mr Howard, who last month was ordered by Judge Pearl, the Chief Immigration Adjudicator, to reconsider the case, has not taken a decision on Dr Masari's application for permanent asylum.

Home Office sources, who confirmed that the Saudi Government had been informed in advance of the Home Secretary's decision, described the outcome as a compromise.

Britain in April 1994, said that he intended to resume his fundamentalist campaign against the ruling Saudi Royal

Saudi Arabia made only a brief comment on the Home Office decision yesterday. Ghazi al-Ghosaibi. the Ambassador, said in a four-line statement that Saudi Arabia could not interfere in British law, and that the decision was a matter for the British Government. His low-key approach, in contrast to his remarks to BBCi's Panorama that a decision to Muhammad al-Masari to remain in Britain would harm British exports to Saudi Arabia, suggests that the Saudis are determined not to let

me in the sense that the threat of deportation is off. What I have got is de facto asylum. Exceptional leave to remain is not quite as good as asylum

the issue ruin their other-

wise good relations with

but it's good enough." The issue is a sensitive one Family. "It's a great relief to for relations between the two to protect companies with a stake in the £20 billion al-Yamamah arms deal and other substantial interests in Saudi Arabia.

The news of his victory was given to Dr Masari during a 25-minute interview with Jeremy Crump, an assistant director of the Immigration Service. He was told that it will be open to him to apply for further leave to remain at the end of the four years. Two daughters in Britain with him were also given leave to remain and other dependants, including his wife and younger children, are expected to oin him.

Dr Masari will also be given travel documents by the Iome Office - though not a British passport - to allow him to travel abroad as he

The Home Office said in a statement last night: "The Home Secretary reached this decision after consideration of the recommendation by the Chief Immigration Adjudica-



Dr Masari leaving yesterday's Immigration Service interview when he was told he could stay for four years

account of our international

and domestic obligations."
Dr Masari said: "I am satisfied with what has happened. We shall continue with our campaign against the Saudi Government. The Saudis will be very upset. I don't think they will comprehend that this is not full asylum. I think there will be another wave of pressures but I think the British Government will put up with that."

which led to Mr Howard's dissident and six colleagues about-turn, Judge Pearl said it appeared that an attempt had been made by the Home Secretary to circumvent the United Nations Convention on Refugees for "diplomatic and trade reasons".

The judge said that the Home Secretary had failed to establish that Dominica - the Caribbean island to which Dr Masari was due to be expelled was a safe third country for

publicly established the Com-mittee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights in Saudi Arabia in May 1993. Twelve months later he lost his job as a professor of physics and was held in detention where he was allegedly tortured for six

His lawyers have argued that the British Government wanted to expel him in order to maintain good relations that the Dominican Government agreed to accept him for its own economic benefit after being told by British diplomats that "one good turn deserves another"

Since arriving in Britain on a Yemen Airways flight with a Yemeni passport. Dr Masari has waged a campaign against the Saudi Royal Family. His accusations of corruption and calls for a peaceful transition to Islamic rule infu-

him a safe and professional driver.

Mr Hirst's wife, Cynthia, 59, is

also launching a campaign for com-pensation for drivers who face

losing their licences under the

legislation. Mr Hirst will receive no

compensation because he is not

being made redundant and may

have to claim benefits for the first

We are right behind him."

Children need more crunch for lunch

AS CHILDREN return to school for the summer term. studies have shown that four out of ten eat no fresh fruit. during the week and only two out of ten have fresh.

Anita Bean, consultant nutritionist to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau, says that a lunch box including fresh fruit and vege-tables sets children on the path to a lifetime of healthy. eating. She recommends grated carrot, tomatoes and iceberg lettuce to add crunch and colour to sandwiches. Promotions include:

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Co-op: Sun Valley fresh whole roast chicken £2.99 for 900g, fresh chicken breast fillets £3.99 for 560g, mushroom pies 99p for four, apple purée rice pudding 4x100g 69p. Harrods: Small avocados 60p

for five, asparagus and mush-room soufflé £2 each, Banon goat's cheeses £4.50 each. Iceland: Economy lamb £3.49 for 1.19kg, chicken 1.4kg — 1.5kg £1.49, mushroom and garlie filled chicken breasts £1.49 for two, Birds Eye fish

fingers £1.69 for 16, baby carrots 99p for 907g, garden peas £1.69 for 1.8kg. Marks & Spencer: Canneloni

for two £2.49, tagliatelle for one £1.49, macaroni cheese twin pack £2, pesto sauce £1.39, Tuscan olive oil £3.29. mixed peppers £1.49 for three. Morrison: Cod steaks £4.38 kg. whole trout £2.84 kg. whole mackerel £1.96 kg, coley fillet £2.84 kg, Olivio reduced

fat spread 99p for 500g. Safeway: New Zealand extra mature cheddar £2.19 lb, pota-to salad 39p 4 lb, loose green peppers £1.09 lb, white potatoes £1.99 for 5kg, medium Galia melons £L69 each, strawberries 98p for 454g. Sainsbury's 12 fresh chicken drumsticks £2.69 for 1.2kg. West Country cheddar £4.59

kg, white potatoes 89p for 2.5kg, red plums 79p lb. mushrooms 79p lb. broccoli 59p lb, mixed apples £1.29 for 12. asparagus £1.99 for 250g

strawberries 75p pack. Tesco: Quarter cut leg of pork £3.09 kg, broccoli 79p lb, asparagus £1.99 bundle, Jaffa oranges £1.19 for eight. Waitrose: Scotch roasting beef £2.49 lb, okra 69p for

125g. cucumbers 45p each. stringless beans 99p for 250g, Wilja potatoes 79p for 1.5kg., pure orange juice £1.59 for 2ltr.

ROBIN YOUNG

with Saudi authorities and tor and after having taken full in his ruling last month, the dissident to be sent to. The riated Saudi authorities. Lorry driver fears Brussels eyesight test will cost him his job



By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A LORRY driver who has not had an accident in 30 years expects to be the first victim of European eyesight rules that could force up to 3,000 truckers to quit.

Bill Hirst, 60, fears he will lose his £16,000-a-year job delivering animal feed because of a minor defect in his right eye. He is due to sit a medical for a five-year extension to his heavy goods vehicle licence on July 5, four days after the introduc-tion of the test.

It requires lorry drivers to have adequate vision in both eyes without wearing glasses or contact lenses. The old rules required drivers to be able to see reasonably well out of one eye without correction. The regulations are aimed at ensuring that all lorry and bus drivers are capable of controlling their vehicles even if their glasses fall off.

Mr Hirst, of Leiston, Suffolk, who

says the rule will cost him £70,000

will fail the new HGV test because of my bad eye. "In all my years of driving, my glasses have never fallen off my head. Thanks to this EC rule I am

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plained about my driving and F feed factory in Framlingham, Suf-consider myself very safe." folk. Boyd Barrington, its produc-All European Union member tion manager, said: "We consider in lost earnings, believes he will fail because he has a "lazy" right eye, although his left eye is good. "Up to now I have passed my eyesight test states must meet the rules on July I, with flying colours, thanks to my but the Department of Transport: good eye," he said. "I have already has been attacked for applying them had a private eye test which proved I retrospectively rather than just to

new applicants. This could mean that Continental drivers will be able to drive in this country, even though they would have been banned if they had been British. being thrown on the scrapheap five years early. Nobody has ever com-

Mr Hirst is being backed by his employers, the J. Bibby agricultural

Viscount's farewell flight hits a snag

time in his life.

A VICKERS Viscount sched- ates the Viscounts, said: "This passenger flight yesterday had to be replaced at the last, moment after hitting a fence. The plane was preparing to fly from Stansted to Heathrow where passengers were awaiting to board the historic 45minute flight but it suffered a

flown to Heathrow so the flight could go ahead. Passengers stranded Stansted were taken London by bus Among guests waiting to board the flight at Heathrow was Lord King of Warmaby, president

2ft gash in a wing while being

towed. Another Viscount was

of British Airways. Colin Smale-Saunders, engineering director of British World Airlines, which oper-

uled to make its final domestic was very unfortunate but we passenger flight yesterday had are glad this historic flight was able to go ahead."

The Duke of Edinburgh

was among many who paid tribute yesterday to the plane, which is ceasing passenger service after 43 years. He said: "It is sad news that the long and active commercial life of the Vickers Viscount has finally come to an end. I'm sure that many people who flew, or flew in, these aircraft will be pleased that it is being given a suitable farewell."

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Cricketer supplied comedian's punchline

By PAUL WILKINSON

A FAST bowler from Yorkshire did not appreciate the jokes a Lancashire comic was cracking about Leeds United. so he punched him.

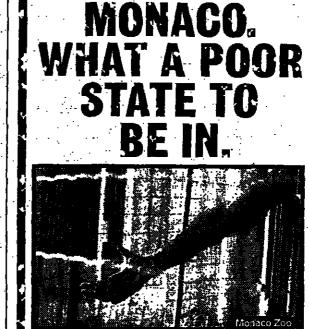
The comedian, however, had the last laugh. The unseemly scuffle during a cricket league awards dinner has earned Steven Morley a life ban from his club and all future league social functions, as well as a year's playing suspension and a league ban until 2000.

Huddersfield Central League found Mr Moriey, from Heckmondwike, West Yorkshire, guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and of ungentlemanly conduct. Mr Morley, who had won two trophies for his performance last season with the St John's club in Cleckheaton, stormed the stage at his clubhouse after a series of wisecracks by Charlie Ale. •

A disciplinary panel of the

Bernard Green, the league secretary, said: "Charlie started having a go at How-ard Wilkinson and Brian Deane, which I suppose was fair game. Everyone was enjoying themselves when suddenly Morley went off his head. He jumped on the stage and started trading punches with Mr Ale. It was disgraceful, right in front of our sponsors too.

Mr Ale said: This one bloke was getting really upset and started heckling at me. Then he stood up on a table and started coming for me." Mr Morley was unavail-



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ence. A handful of Scottish

trawlermen were also present

at the rally, but the protest was boyconted by the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, which

does not support withdrawal from the EU fisheries policy. Bob Allen, chief executive of

the federation, said: "We do

not see a realistic prospect that any British Government will leave the common fisheries policy, either unilaterally or by negotiation. We have to work for change from within."

Mr Mitchell said other EU member states would be pow-erless to stop Britain from

opting out of the policy. His

militant rhetoric failed to satisfy the trawlermen, however, He was drowned out by shouts of "we have had 25

years of bullshit" when he suggested that the Govern-

ment should be given one more chance to negotiate a

my business viable and give

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AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

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MORE than 2,000 angry trawlermen invaded the centre of London yesterday. They were joined by promi-nent Tory Euro-rebels in demanding withdrawal from the European Union's common

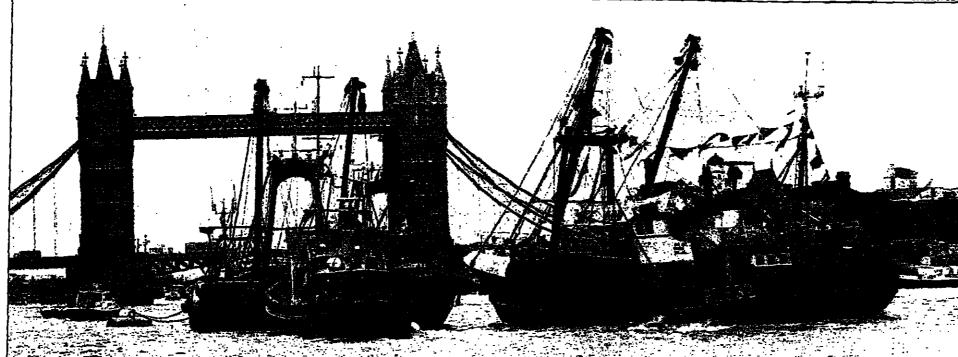
fisheries policy.

John Redwood, the former
Cabinet member who challenged John Major for the
Tory leadership last year,
drew thunderous applause at
a rally in Methodist Cantral a rally in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, as he called for fishing to be taken back under national control if Europe refused a better deal

"Britain is a maritime na-tion," he said. "As an island people we are proud of the great past of our navy, mer-chant marine and fishing industry. It is time the Government stood up for all of

Earlier four beam trawlers from Cornwall and Devon marked the start of the protest by steaming up the Thames under Tower Bridge and anchoring opposite HMS Belfast. The boats sounded their horns as fishermen on the riverbank cheered.

One of the vessels, the Carhelmar from Brixham anchored in the Pool of



Trawlers from the West Country making their way up the Thames yesterday to the Pool of London. Tower Bridge was raised to let them through

carried a banner saying: "Ted Heath conned us in 1972. Nothing has changed." A banner on the Barentszee read: "No mad fish at sea, just crazy

politicians ashore," Later four other big trawlers London and a flotilla of smaller vessels sailed upstream to Westminster where a delegation met Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister

Mr Redwood's plea was backed by Christoper Gill, the MP for Ludiow and one of

nine backbenchers who lost the Tory whip last year, and by Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

Sitting in the body of the hall in a conspicuous show of solidarity with the rebellious

Lamont, the former Chancellor, and Bill Cash and Teresa Gorman, leading Tory backbench Euro-sceptics. Mr Lamont told The Times:

We made a terrible mistake in agreeing to equal access to almost as foolish as it would have been to treat North Sea oil as a common resource. In my view it is impossible to reform the common fisheries policy. We must withdraw

In the Commons, Michael

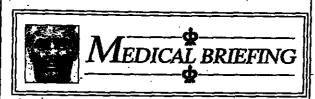
Magni Stewart, a Shetland skipper, told the gathering that the EU system of catch quotas, which forced trawlermen to throw good fish back dead into the sea, had turned him into a law-breaker for the first time in his life. The Minister, told MPs that the Government was "listening extremely carefully" to what turned me into a very bitter the trawlermen had to say and criminal, a liar, cheat and intended to seek reforms of falsifier of documents to keep

fisheries policy at the EU

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better deal.

How to tell a diabetic coma from death



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Maureen Jones of Thwing, from near-death by Police Constables Kevin Smith and Phillip Shrimpton. before the police reached her cottage and when they arrived a hearse was waiting to take the supposed corpse to the mortuary. Fortunately PC Smith noticed signs of life and he and PC Shrimpton gave her first aid until she could be taken to hospital.

Mrs Jones is diabetic, and diabetic patients are hable to go into coma if upset by too much or too little insulin. There are two quite different types of coma which can affect diabetics, with different causes and therefore different treatments. Very often press reports of diabetic confuse the two

The most common type in diabetics is the hypogly-caemic coma in which the patient has had too much insulin. Sometimes this occurs if they have taken their usual dose but have not had regular meals. In a hypoglycaemic coma the blood-sugar level falls to the point at which the central nervous system is affected, the patient appears confused, aggressive and poorly co-ordinated, as if drunk. The patient is sweaty, dizzy and slides into unconsciousness.

In the early stages of the condition, when the patient can still swallow, sugary food or drinks, followed by a halanced meal, can be given. Once the swallow reflex has been blunted and the patient is lapsing into

nous glucose or glucogen is needed. Glucogen injections, although not always effective, have an advantage in that they can be given by a family member.

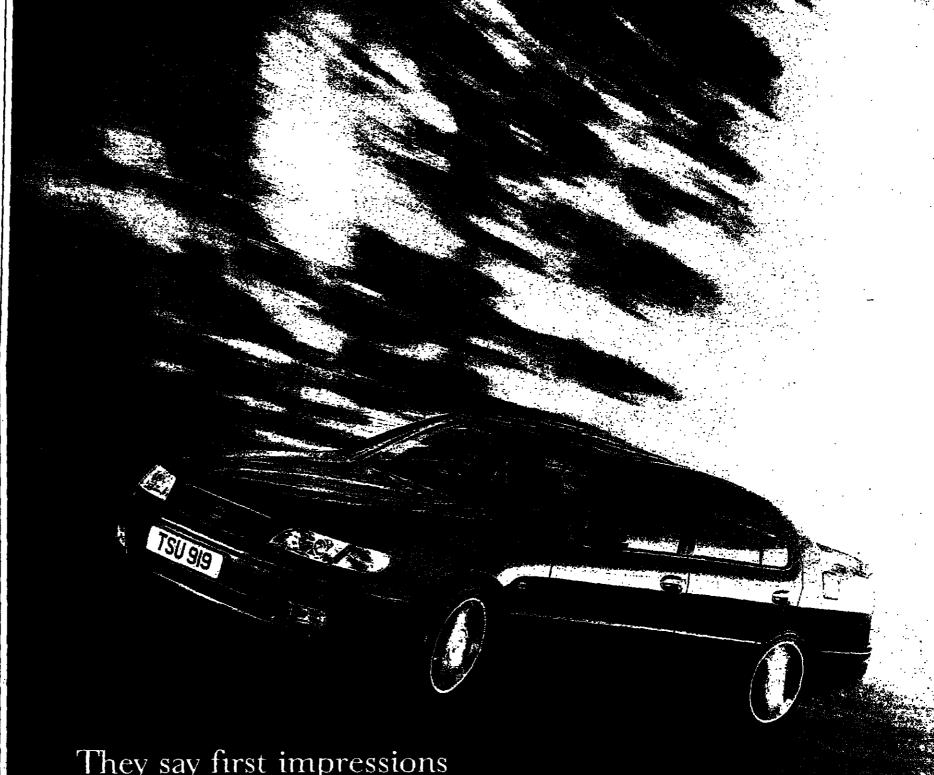
The term diabetic coma hyperglycaemic, in which the patient has been suffering for some time from too little insulin. They will have complained of listlessness. loss of weight and appetite and may well have felt nauseous and had abdominal pain. The patient will have been passing enormous quantities of urine so they are dehydrated, and

they also smell of acctone.

Modern reagent strips which show the amount of sugar in a drop of blood make it easy to differentiate between the two types of coma, but even in the past it was not that difficult. The sister in the first ward on which I was a houseman taught me a trick. When an unconscious new arrival was known to be diabetic she would thrust her hand into his armpit: if it was sweaty he was hypoglycaemic, if the armpit was dry it was hyperglycaemia.

Deep coma can always be confused with death. Difficulties are usually associated when the coma follows a drug overdose or hypothermia. In some circumstances a pulse or heartbeat may be hard to

Further evidence of death is achieved by studying the eyes. There is no blink reflex when the eye is touched and there are changes in the pupils, which dilate after death and do not react to light; all provide better confirmation than mirrors or feathers held in front of the mouth.



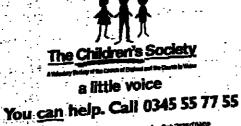
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Paradise lost for **Bounty** hunters

By CAROL MIDGLES

BOUNTY, the coconut chocolate bar which used bikini-clad models to sell a taste of paradise, is ditching its old-fashioned image for a new look.

The desert island fantasy scenes used for nearly 30 years in television advertisements are being replaced by a more contemporary" image. From Monday viewers will see Bounty advertisements featuring a woman in an art gallery staring as a huge painting of a coconut comes to life in front of her. The bikini is replaced by a demure black dress and the slogan is "a taste of the exotic"

Mars, makers of Bounty. said that the desert island image had lost its mystique, while sandy white place because many people now went to the Caribbean on holiday.

Amazon cave findings shed new light on **American prehistory**

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

Amazon jungle threatens to overturn existing theories about how the South American continent was peopled.

Dr Anna Roosevelt, of the Field Museum in Chicago, and colleagues have explored a cave at Monte Alegre, berween Manaus and Belem on the north bank of the Amazon in Brazil, containing evidence that a thriving society existed there 11,000 years ago.

They lived on fruit, nuts, fish and small animals, made stone tools, and nainted rocks. According to Dr Roosevelt, they may even have predated the Clovis people, long believed to have been the first American colonisers, whose earliest remains are much further north and date from 10,900 to 11,200 years ago.

"We found strong evidence that a culture quite distinct from the North American palaeo-Indian culture, but more or less contemporary with it existed more than 5.000 miles south, in this

A STARTLING find in the humid, tropical habitat," says Dr Roosevelt in today's issue of Science.

The team was led to the most intriguing of the caves. Caverna da Pedra Pintada, by a local schoolteacher. There they found sandstone walls covered with handprints in red and yellow, and paintings of human figures, animals,

In the floor of the cave they found evidence of fire, burnt food remains and stone tools. Radiocarbon dates put the age of the earliest settlement on the site to between 10,000 and 11,200 years ago. Two other dating methods agree, even suggesting a greater age of up

and geometric shapes.

If that is accepted, it means that the Amazon culture was independent of the Clovis people, and not descended from it. It also means that the Amazon, long thought too hostile for early human occupation, was indeed the home of a human society which survived for a long time. That in turn may mean that the "virgin" rainforests are the product of human ingenuity. The clustering of certain trees. such as cashews, brazil nuts and some palms, may be the result of prehistoric human activity and not chance.

Some archaeologists remain unconvinced that the Amazon people predate Clovis and that a date of 10,500 years ago is a more realistic interpretation of Dr Roosevelt's data. If so, the culture might have been formed by Clovis colonisers whe entered North America across the Bering Strait and gradually worked south. While Clovis people lived by

slaughtering big game, the Amazon people were foragers, eating fruit, meat and shellfish common in the humid tropics. Much later, about 7,500 years ago, pottery began to be made. The caves themselves have been known for a long time, but nobody before Dr Roosevelt and her team had ever

dug there to establish the

earliest occupancy.



John Warlock, the icon of Seventies America, now lives in a converted bike shed. "I'm staying put," he said

Theatre's fallen angel told to go to hell

By PAUL WILKINSON

THEATRE managers in York are taking legal action to evict a retired Hell's Angel who has been living in a bike shed next to their building for the past two years.

John Warlock has converted the leanto beside York Theatre Royal into a home since staff allowed him to move in off the streets, but now the theatre says it needs the space as a store. A solicitor's letter telling him to quit the 8ft by 5ft shed by this week was ignored and now court action has been started. Even

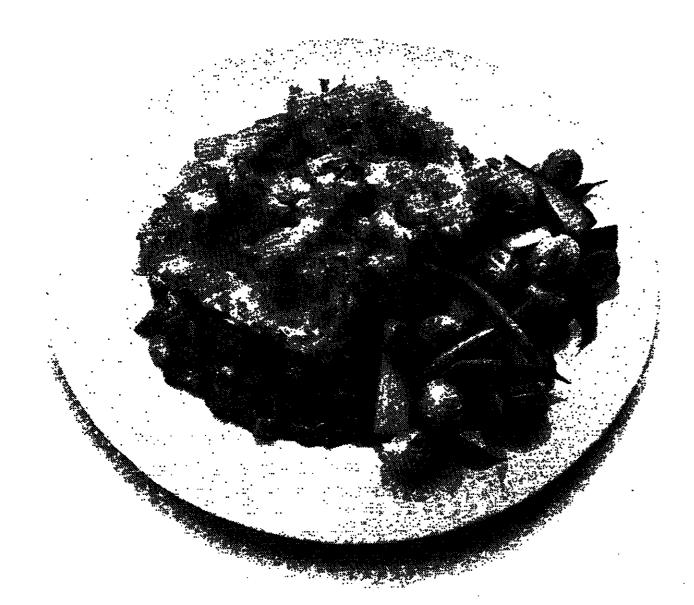
where, Mr Warlock, 53, is prepared to fight the case. He said: "It is my home and I am staying put. Everyone watched me making the shed into my home and no one tried to stop me.

The face of Mr Warlock was an icon of Seventies America when a photograph of him and his motorcycle featured on a poster sold coast to coast. His life has since taken a downward turn and he ended up sleeping on the streets of York where he earns a living busking. His near-waist length beard.

though his hut has no electricity or water and he performs his ablutions else-made him a familiar figure in the car. When news of his impending eviction broke a phone in poll voted 7-1 in favour. of him staying on, much to the theatre's embarrassment. "We are being cast as villains which is not the case," said:
Pippa McPherson, marketing manager:
"We allowed him to use this said but we never thought he would be there two years later."

Julian Pheby, Mr Warlock's solicito said: "He is a pleasant, amiable chap, who is determined to keep his home. He will see this through to the end."

Some people have been making a meal of British beef lately.



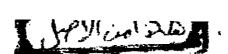
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Theologian's QC challenges sex attack charges

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

CASES of sexual assault against an Edinburgh theologian were challenged yesterday by his lawyer on the ground that they were not backed by enough evidence. He called for "not gulty"

Professor Donald Macleod, 55, a Free Church of Scotland lecturer described as a "charismatic theologian with a large following", denies five charges involving five women. A sixth charge was dropped on Wednesday over a discrepancy on the date of the alleged offence. Andrew Hardie, QC, for the

defence, pointed out that under Scottish law there to that given by the alleged victim. The Crown is relying on a rule that allows similar charges to support each other. Mr Hardie argued that a

case of molestation involving a 35-year-old statistics lecturer was so much more serious than the other allegations that it could not be supported by them. The only similar allegation was another serious sexual assault charge involving the same woman and she could not provide independent support for her evidence.

36-year-old woman but even if this were true the Crown had failed to prove criminal intern.

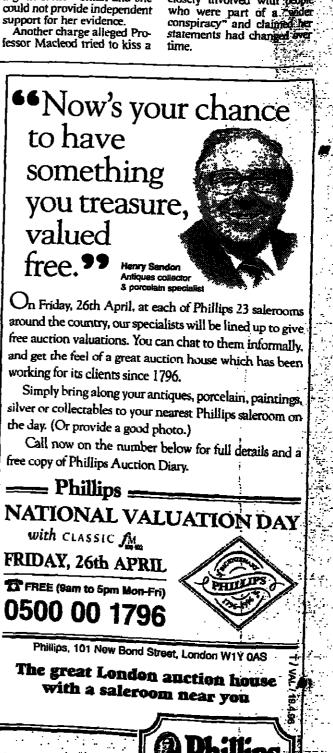
Mr Hardie said.
Another case in which the professor is alleged to have kissed his unwilling victim in his study happened five years later than the other charges and was too distant in time to be supported by them, the QC said. Professor Madeod has already lodged an alibi de

fence against another charge. Sheriff John Horsburgh, OC, will decide today whether. to accept Mr Hardie's request after hearing arguments in Margaret Graham for the

Crown. Earlier yesterday the court was shown a police video in a which Professor Macleod dismissed the allegations of the 35-year-old statistics lecturer.

as "completely untrue". He told police that he had been "hounded for fen years" by people in the church who had taken allegations against him to the church authorities although the complaints had

He said the lecturer closely involved with per



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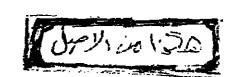
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There were no injuries and damage was limited, although

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blast could have been killed.

The bomb was placed be-

hind a wall in the garden of

No 22. The terrorists tele-

phoned a coded warning and

an imprecise location to the

Associated Press agency ten

Officers are checking to see

if it was similar to the device

exploded by the IRA last

month near Brompton Cente-

tery, less than a mile away.

The explosive and riming de-

vice could be part of a cache of

equipment kept by Edward O'Brien, the bomber killed in

the Aldywch blast. Detectives

know some of the material is

Why the bombers chose No

22. which was clearly empty and undergoing repair

work, is a mystery. Despite its

£3 million price tag, the 1840s

Grade II listed building is one

of the more anonymous in the

It was once owned by a Greek shipping magnate and

is a former home of the

Kuwaiti royal family. Land

registry records show it was

bought last year by a man called Bassam Debs. The

house is undergoing extensive

refurbishment and the new

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night, the blast rattled the windows of London's rich and famous. Properties in the road in South Kensington, where royalty and pop stars rub shoulders with sheikhs and industrialists, have changed Police believe the bomb contained about 11b of Semtex.

supermarket chain. lives at No 9: the Prime Minister of Bahrain and his son also have homes there. Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, has four of his seven British residences

in The Boltons. Michael Alison, MP for Selby and a former Minister at the Northern Ireland Office, lived next door until three years ago. "The police have assured me that they believe the fact that I lived at that flat was not connected to the explosion." he said.

One of The Boltons' most charismatic residents is Lady Ridsdale, 74, wife of Sir Julian. the former MP for Harwich. A wartime colleague of the author lan Fleming, Paddy Ridsdale was the model for Miss Moneypenny. While working with Fleming at the Admiralty on special naval operations she was involved in one of the most successful ruses used against the Axis.

Fake documents were placed on the body of a civilian, who had died from natural causes, and it was dumped in the sea. The enemy was fooled into thinking the dead man was a drowned senior officer carrying invasion plans and deployed defences in the wrong area.

Lady Ridsdale became the girlfriend of "the man who never was". To make the hoax work she wrote love letters to the man, which were also planted on the body.

The IRA explosion brought back memories of the Blitz for Lady Ridsdale. "It wasn't as loud as the bomb that demolished a block of houses near obvious what it was. We didn't leave our home when the Nazis bombed us so there's nothing the IRA can do. It was



Nick Rhodes, of the pop group Duran Duran, was once a resident. The female grouples who used to gather outside his home did not endear him to his neighbours. James Sherwood, the American founder and president of Sea Containers Group, is another occupant.

The bomb also disturbed a

group of Franciscan nuns who own a property there. "I distress," Sister Kathleen said. "I stayed in bed and prayed."

Gerald Stonehill, 70, a music consultant who lives next door to the bombed house, had a lucky escape. He and six relatives were to have celebrated his mother-in-law's ninetieth birthday in a front room which was showered with shards of glass. At the last minute they decided to eat "Unquestionably we out. would have been seriously hurt had we been at home," said Mr Stonehill, a resident of The Boltons for 37 years.



The Boltons normally attracts attention solely because of its residents' wealth

'Pariahs' have no place at peace table, says Major

THE IRA and Sinn Fein will come international pariahs the campaign of violence continues. John Major said yesterday after the fifth terrorist attack since the ceasefire

Speaking as Scotland Yard investigated the latest IRA bomb, the Prime Minister said: "It seems to have been an exercise for no apparent purcose other than to remind people that they still have a capacity to mount terrorist exercises." He added: "Unless there is a ceasefire, a very viable ceasefire, that is clearcut, then there will be no part in the peace process for Sinn

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said the terrorists had to choose whether they were following the path of peaceful politics or violence. One cannot pursue the two paths simultaneously," he told the Dail.

The attack led to cross-party unrest at Westminster last night over plans to allow Sinn Fein into the proposed allparty talks in Northern Ire-

not be allowed in unless there is an unequivocal restoration of the ceasefire, Tory MPs fear that a last-minute declaration could be enough to bring Sinn Fein to the negotiating table on June 10.

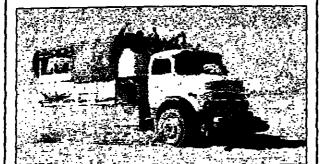
Tory and Unionist politicians told Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, that during the 17-month ceaselire the IRA had been involved in punishment beatings, extortion, torture and preparation of further bombings in Britain.

Sir Patrick moved to reas sure MPs that Sinn Fein will not be invited to the talks automatically if there is a ceasefire before June 10. He said it would have to convince other parties involved in the talks that there was a lasting ceasefire. He added that the IRA's abominable attacks" had excluded it from political

Marjorie Mowlam, Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said: There is no way that parties can bomb their way to the negotiating table."

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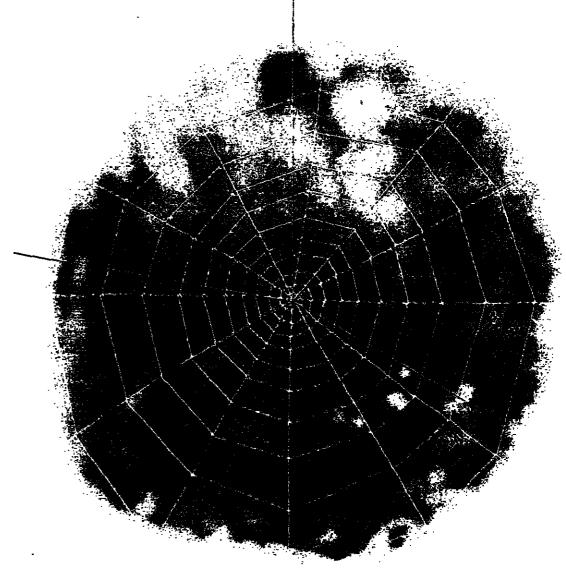
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Major avoids party unrest with 'apology' to Redwood

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR moved swiftly to prevent a new bout of Tory conflict yesterday by assuring John Redwood, his rival in last year's leadership contest, that he had not been criticising him when he rejected "reckless" tax cuts.

Downing Street offered what Mr Redwood's colleagues described as a full apology over reports of remarks that had been interpreted as an attack on the former Welsh Secretary.

Mr Redwood reacted angrily on Wednesday night when told by the BBC that Mr Major had privately suggested that the programme he had put forward on the day after the Staffordshire by-election defeat was "reckless and silly". Mr Redwood's aides contacted John Ward, the Prime Minister's Parliamentary Private Secretary, to demand an ex-

The first edition

in Prague, communications were difficult and no clarification was forthcoming. Mr Redwood then issued a statement that his programme had been misrepresented and suggested that Mr Major was risking party unity.

Mr Major's determination to maintain the uneasy Right-Left truce was underlined when he instructed Norman Blackwell, the head of the Downing Street policy unit, to call Mr Redwood yesterday morning. Mr Blackwell insisted that Mr Major had not been crincising Mr Redwood when he used the words reckless and silly. He even added that Mr Major strongly agreed with a lot of things Mr Redwood had been saying. most notably in his article in The Times last Saturday.

Last night Mr Redwood appeared to be content with Mr Major's assurance. He said: "I did not think he could

BY JAMES LANDALE

POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Tories admitted defeat yesterday in

the battle to secure more positive press coverage and launched their own tabloid

Look! a 16-page freesheet, is packed

with "good news" about how the Govern-

ment is transforming Britain for the

better. And what good news there is. Under the Tories, British sportsmen will

actually start winning (sports, page 16).

have proposed. I am very pleased they have said that."

The episode has further highlighted the differences within the Tory party over the pace and scale of tax cuts that Kenneth Clarke should introduce in the November Budget. When asked about Mr Major's remarks. Mr Clarke said that they were directed at "the idea of tax cuts which cannot

But Edward Leigh told BBC Radio 4's The World at One: Kenneth Clarke won't admit now that his priority is tax cuts because that would give the impression that he was think-ing politically, and he mustn't do that. But of course we must have tax cuts . . . because that is the way in which we can make it in our supporters' interests to vote Conservative

tent. They know Conservatives want to reduce taxes they know Labour will put Therefore there will be tax taxes up. But when the Concuts, and they have to be substantial tax cuts. We have servatives reduce taxation.

Exclusive! Tories reveal the good news

rugby, the humbling of Brazil at soccer

and the Test Match devastation of

Australia." Crime is falling (page 2), the National Lottery is transforming lives (page 3), education is better funded (page

5) and the economy is booming (pages 1.

Look! even secured a scoop interview

with John Major. "There are those - the

Glums — who still prefer to ignore all the

facts and continue spreading a message

. 6, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15).

everybody down to 20p, some-

He claimed that the Tories

could not win the election

without tax cuts and said he

suspected the risk was being

exaggerated to lower expecta-

Mr Clarke told the pro-

gramme: "It would be nice to

have tax cuts, but I don't agree

with Edward Leigh, if he

thinks of any old tax cuts. If I

can afford it I'll cut taxes, and

I'm sure that will help to

reinforce our success. But I

think you could lose an elec-

tion if you cut taxes in a reckless and silly way, as the

People wish to have politicians

who look credible and compe-

"It may prove the starting point for a of doom and gloom." he says. "I felt it British triumph over the All Blacks in was time to set the record straight once

Prime Minister said.

tions before the Budget.

thing really dramatic."

bly on the basis of what can be afforded, and what's good for the economy."

Labour revelled in the Major-Redwood exchange. John Prescott, the deputy party leader, accused Mr Major of pandering to the Right by grovelling to Mr Redwood. "Calling Mr Redwood's views reckless and silly should be no cause for an apology from anybody. Mr Major seems to have forgotten that he is Prime Minister. He is incapable of leadership and is still in the grip of the Right, who want to make him lurch further and further every day."

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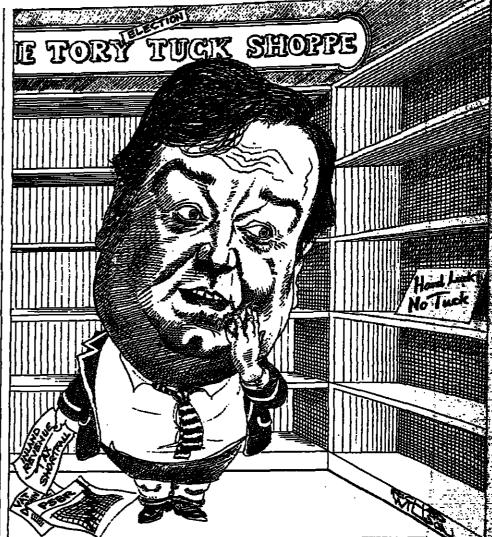
out to the public in shopping malls and

train stations. But if the supply of newspapers is limitless, the supply of

good news is apparently not: no date has

been fixed for the second edition.

the people the true facts."



Why the Right is wrong to clamour for tax cuts

enneth Clarke is cor-rect and the Tory Right is wrong. There may be little room for substantial tax cuts this November without putting at risk the hard-fought improvement in the Government's finances. The room for fiscal and monetary manoeuvre is so small that some ministers are wondering about the possibility of an autumn election.

The reaction of the Tory Right to the by-election rout and the latest polls has been to demand big cuts in spending and taxes before the election. This plea is presented in measured terms by John Redwood: as an instinctive desire for "clear blue water" by John Townend and the backbench right: and as an increasingly shrill and desperate appeal for action by the partisan Tory

But these demands ignore sector borrowing for the financial year just ended was £32.2 billion — £3.2 billion higher than forecast in the November Budget and £10 billion more than projected in the November 1994 Budget. The deterioration is not because of laxity over public spending. While spending is only slightly higher than expected last November, it is now virtually flat in real

The problem is on the tax side where revenues have fallen more than £9 billion below forecast levels - and were even £2.4 billion less

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than expected last November. Much of this shortfall is so far unexplained and cannot easily be remedied without, say, extending the tax base to counter evasion.

As spending is already

under tight control, there are no easy cuts. It is always possible to find £1 or £2 billion through squeezing running costs. But real cuts would require cutbacks in services or entitlements, which would take time to come through and would provoke a political outcry before the election. The actions which Peter Lilley has taken to trim social security commitments produce big savings eventually, but they take time to appear. The private finance initiative also has a gradual impact and is essengovernment payments. It is not possible to conjure up

spending cuts out of nowhere. The Government should perhaps be looking for a tightening of the fiscal position, not a loosening via tax cuts, to offset this deterioration in borrowing. So it is not surprising that John Major has described demands for big tax cuts as "reckless and silly and Mr Clarke has given warning against trying to buy the next election through tax cuts. They are both making a virtue out of fiscal necessity.

Moreover, interest rates may have to rise later this

year, as Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank, admitted in the minutes of their March 7 meeting published on Wednesday. Mr George warned of the possibility that rates would have to be raised again at some point further ahead if manetary growth did not begin to moderate and when there was clearer evidence that the growth of demand and output

had begun to acclerate. So in economic terms, there is a case for an autumn election if the Budger is not going to produce much in the way of tax cuts and interest rates may have to be raised then. While the Government should survive until the auturnn, its political position could look increasingly precarious over the winter if it suffers more by-election defeats or defections.

the strong preference of Conservative Central Office is for May I next year, to allow time for rising living standards and any tax cuts to work through. Prime ministers are reluctant to risk their office prematurely when their party is behind in the polls, as James Callaghan showed in 1978-79 and Mir. Major did. successfully in 1991-92. Next spring is still the most likely election dans had the Tories may receive on an economic boost by waster than they have previous

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Tykes keep Wilson pounds in pockets

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE pound in your pocket is firmly being kept there, campaigners have found as they try to raise money for a statue of Lord Wilson of Rievaulx

The public appeal to fund a memorial to the late Labour Prime Minister, who sought to reassure the nation over his government's devaluation of the pound, has a target of £25,000. After five weeks it has persuaded people to part

It is the second embarrassment the scheme has caused civic leaders in Lord Wilson's home town of Huddersfield. They had already been pilloried over suggestions from council officials that the statue could be sited near a loading bay behind a new shopping precinct or on the staircase of a multistorey car park at the bus station.

Shamed last month by public reaction, members of Kirklees Borough Council selected a prime site in front of Huddersfield's railway station, a Grade I* listed building. But in a display of Yorkshire thrift they voted not to spend council money

on the memorial. Instead they agreed to invest £10,000 to finance bursaries for two local people to study with the Open University, one of Lord Wilson's proudest creations, and prefor the statue. Eric Lawson, a leading councillor, said yesterday that the appeal had "gone off at half-cock" and be relaunched next

Thousands flock in hope to the great allcomers' art show

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A MAN who has made dozens of unsuccessful attempts to have his paintings accepted by the annual Royal Academy Summer Exhibition returned to Burlington House yesterday to have another go. Like so many of the hopefuls who turned up with bubble-wrapped packages, he was undeterred by rejection. Dennis Hawkins, from Rep-

ton. Derbyshire, might have taken comfort from Constable and Stanley Spencer, who were among those rejected by the Summer Exhibition in its 227-year history. The world's largest open show, selected by the artists who govern the Royal Academy, has been held every year since 1769, uninterrupted even by war. Within hours of the doors

opening for submissions, hundreds of people were heading down Piccadilly with their creations. More than 2,000 works were expected by the end of the first day for submissions. Last year the academy received nearly 12,000 entries. of which 1,100 made it.

Mr Hawkins said that faith kept drawing him back. Despite being excluded from previous shows, his enthusiasm was undimmed and he had high hopes for the three water-colour seascapes he was submitting this year. "It's wonderful that in England we've got this tradition of giving a little pleasure once a year to allcomers, in the glorious hope that an unrecognised Turner is hidden," he said. The 16 members of the

adjudicating committee began their afternoon session by sipping beef tea fortified with sherry, a Summer Exhibition ritual for as long as anyone can remember.

Professional and amateur artists are drawn each year to the show. One woman spent an hour wrapping her entry. Some looked so downcast it was as if they knew that the only walls on which their work would ever be hung were those at home.

Most were good-humoured and hopeful. Judith Lockie, from Suffolk, had had five unsuccessful attempts but was back again. "It's a lottery." she said, unpacking a print. "It's a weird show. Very English. There's such a mixture of ghastly work and brilliant

A Londoner, David Walter,



Constable: was turned down by the academy

who gave up a mathematics professorship in the Far East to paint, had also tried five times. Hoping to be sixth-time lucky, he said: "I just keep going. One day it'll happen. it's such a wonderful show. Any Tom, Dick and Harry like me can spend a tenner and submit work." He joked about feeling angry when he came across not one but three ghastly works by the same artist at one show.

Several others had come to painting when their circumstances had changed. Andrew Davies, a self-taught artist from East Grinstead, West Sussex, was a fireman until he broke his ankle playing volleyball and was forced to retire. Anne Davies, from

Harpenden in Hertfordshire, who had worked as a saleswoman, started painting four years ago after falling down three flights of stairs. Painting proved therapeutic and she joined all sorts of art clubs. Her work was accepted last year. "It was incredible. Unbelievable." she said. Yesterday she submitted miniature landscapes.

A number of the pictures delivered yesterday would have been loved by the traditionalists or dismissed as "Bayswater railings works" by those who champion the schools of pickled animals and sleeping actresses.

It is not too late to enter this year. A maximum of three works can be submitted until May 3. The exhibition runs from June 9 to August 18.



One of the 2,000 artists expected to have submitted their works yesterday

Welsh clergy refuse church weddings for divorcees

By LIN JENKINS

A PROPOSAL that Welsh Anglicans should allow divorcees to remarry in church suffered a surprise defeat yesterday when the clergy voted to uphold tradition in the face of change promoted by the bishops. The Bill would have permitted regular members of the congregation to wed for a second time in church.

The ballot for approval was lost by two votes at the meeting of the

University of Wales in Lampeter. Dyfed. The proposal had needed a majority of two thirds in all three sections - bishops, laity and clergy - but fell to the latter.

Several parish clergy had threatened to boycott reform. Under the Bill they would have been able to exercise their discretion in the matter if they were strongly opposed to remarrying divorcees.

After intense debate during the Bill's third reading, in which bishops

change, the vote was so close that a recount was ordered. Eventual victory by the traditionalists is seen as a major blow to reform, including the ordination of women priests, which is still banned in Wales. Opponents of the Bill argued it would further

ty of marriae The Rt Rev Barry Morgan, Bishop of Bangor, who introduced the Bill and was one of its strongest supporters, denied that the solemn vows of marriage would be devalued. He

was prepared to bless the union of divorcees, it should be prepared to remarry them in certain circumstances. "I would hate to give the impression that we believe marriage is no longer a permanent relationship between one man and one But we believe principle of compassion and forgiveness is also very important."

The Church of England is still opposed in principle to remarriage in clergy, providing the diocesan bishop approves, although it goes against canon law. The Act of Convocation of 1957 states that the Church "should not allow the use of that service in the case of anyone who has a former partner still living".

byterian denomination in which the Princess Royal remarried, allows a minister to solemnise a second marriage in church providing that he does not accede as a matter of

Husband on murder charge

NEWS IN BRIEF

The former husband of a woman found tied up and drowned in a river in Cardiff was charged yesterday with her murder. The partially clothed body of Karen Skipper, 34, was recovered from the River Ely on March 10

after she disappeared while walking her two dogs. Her former husband, Philip, was arrested by detectives at Ferndale, Rhondda, on Tuesday. South Wales Constabulary said Mr Skipper. 38, would appear before magistrates today.

Sporting gesture

Pupils, their parents and teachers from Dunblane Primary School will be guests of Celtic Football Club at its match against Falkirk tomorrow. The club will be collecting for several charities. including the Dunblane

York breaks arm

The actress Susannah York. 54. was recovering in hospital at Cosham, Hampshire, yesterday after she fell over and broke her arm while filming some closing shots for Dark Blue Perfume, the latest Ruth Rendell television drama, at West Meon.

Two committed

A 15-year-old accused of murdering Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster, and another 15-year-old, both of west London, jointly accused of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm to a juvenile, have been committed to stand trial at the Old Bailey.

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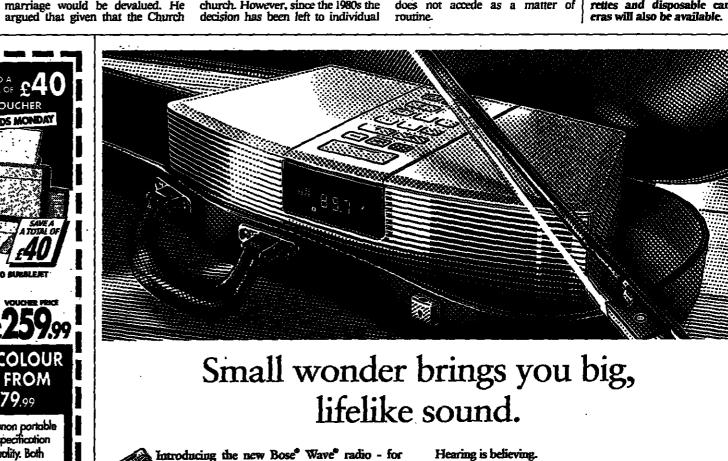
A retired hairdresser who cut a former customer's hair for free was left £22,000 in her will. Beryl Harris. 68, of Mumbles, Swansea, was also left jewellery by Anne Llewellyn-Williams, 103, of Penmaen. West Glamorgan.

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Gunmen slaughter Greek pilgrims at Cairo hotel

when the shooting started." Mr

Youanis said. "I don't know who

was shooting because we were

talking among ourselves and

suddenly we were surrounded by

bullets. Many were killed and I

Honeedo Safra. 68, of Athens.

wept as she showed me her

injuries. Her frail legs were

covered with shrapnel and glass

talked of seeing the gunmen

said the attackers had arrived

outside the hotel in an unmarked

Radical groups, such as El Gamaa and El Islamiya, have in

the past targeted foreign tourists

in an effort to cripple the coun-

try's tourist industry. Before ves-

terday's attack, more than 920

people, including 26 foreigners.

had been killed in Egytian polit-

van without number plates.

wounds. She trembled as she

The Egyptian Interior Ministry

saw a lot of blood."

approaching.

FROM LAURI NEFF IN CAIRO

GUNMEN shouting "God is great killed 17 Greck tourists on an Easter pilgrimage and one Egyptian in a machinegun attack at a Cairo hotel yesterday.

Another 15 were injured when the four gunmen opened fire outside the Europa Hotel, on the road leading to the pyramids at Giza There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion fell on Islamic militants who have been waging a violent campaign to overthrow the Egyptian Government.

Witnesses said the attackers first took aim at a group waiting by a tourist bus and then at least one of the assailants ran inside.

When I arrived on the scene a few hours after the attack, blood and glass covered the ground in front of the hotel and in the lobby. My shoes were smeared red after walking through the area.

Some Australian tourists travelling with the Greek group described what happened. Anna Borkowska, of Sydney, was about to leave the restaurant when the shooting started, "The man infront of me was shot in the legs." she said. "There was blood everywhere. He must have died from

The group was visiting holy sites in Israel and Egypt. The people who died died for their faith and belief in God, and they were martyrs," Mrs Borkowska said, "They died after worship-



An injured Greek tourist admitted to a Cairo hospital, and where yesterday's attack occurred

ping the Almighty in Jerusalem." Harry Paulinanas. 23. from Sydney, said he was still stunned hours after the attack. "I heard about five or six shots," Mr Paulinanas said. "I didn't realise what had happened. I heard screaming, saw hodies going down. I ran for my life and

Several dozen riot police carrying plastic shields and machineguns lined the street in front of the hotel. Inside, scores of Egyptian officials shouted orders and questions as they herded a errowd of frightened tourists into the restaurant. As they filed by, they passed a bonde of water still intact that lay in a pool of blood. Witnesses said the woman who had been holding the bottle had

dodged a few bullets."

Hanna Iwanowska, from the Polish city of Gdansk, said she had just arrived at the hotel from Cairo airport and was waiting for

her room key when the attack hotel to board a bus to Alexandria

"At first I didn't imagine it was serious, but I lay down and crawled behind the reception desk," she said, adding that she did not see the attackers, as she was too frightened to look up from the ground. Many of the witnesses said they were unsure of what had happened because of the swiftness and unexpectedness

of the attack. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital, where they were treated for wounds from gunfire and broken glass. Most of those hurt were elderly Greeks, who were left confused and frightened by the artack.

From his hospital bed. Manolakakis Youanis, 70, who is from a small village in Crete, held up his bandaged arm where he said he had been hit by several

"We were waiting outside the

years. The spate of shootings had appeared to be easing recently, however, with attacks mainly confined to tourists visiting the south of the country.

The last major attack on tourists in Cairo was in 1993, when Muslim extremists armed with explosives and guns opened fire on a tour bus, wounding eight Austrians and eight Egyptian passers-by.

The pilgrims caught up in yesterday's attack had started their journey in Athens and continued to Jerusalem before arriving in Cairo.

A young Greek girl who declined to give her name trembled and burst into tears as she spoke of the dead and wounded. cannot imagine these things that happen to innocent people." she said. "I came here just to pray.

The hotel is thought to be frequented by Israeli tourists. A group of Israeli Jews were stay ing there, but said the guest list included Israeli Arabs.

☐ Athens: Greece reacted with sorrow and anger to the Cairo attack vesterday. "Everyone is shocked and there is deep grief." President Stephanopoulos said.

Two Greek Air Force transport planes flew to Cairo to pick up the bodies of the victims, and as many of the injured as could be moved. A special Olympic Airways flight laid on for the relatives was scheduled to take of for Cairo last night. (Reuter)



Egyptian police inspect a bullet-scarred tourist bus outside the Cairo hotel

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Bitter blow dealt to Mubarak campaign against radicals

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

tourists in Egypt was a hitter blow for the pro-Western Government of President Mubarak, It had been boasting unwisely that the fouryear-old campaign by Islamic militants had been largely contained.

Whether the motive was revenge for Israeli attacks against Hezhollah, or a continuation of the battle started in 1992 to drive out tourists and cut off the Government's main source of hard currency. he effect will be bility in a country vital to the region's neace.

Egypt's bullish assessment that a hardline policy of repression - including more than 40 executions of Islamic militants - had been successful was shared by many Western diplomats based in Cairo. It was supported by figures showing a recent in-crease of nearly 20 per cent in the number of tourists, despite the continuing threat against them by the main terrorist group, Gamaa al-Islamiya.

Since late 1993, the battle between the militants and the 15-year-old Mubarak Government had been largely confined to rural areas of southern Egypt. To date, near-ly 1,000 people have died in he violence which is designed to convert Egypt's traditionally tolerant society into an Iranian-syle theocratic state.

YENTERD WS massacre of None of the 23 previous attacks against tourists, including the killing of a British woman in October 1992 had any of yesterday's methodical ruthlessness - which is one reason why some Egyptian commentators believe that the victims may have been mistaken for Israelis.

The embarrassment for President Mubarak is increased because the attack follows the 29-nation antiterrorism conference, attend-2" ed by Presidents Clinton and relism, which he hosted in: the heavily guarded Red Sea resort of Sharm el Sheikh.

Assisted by a number of veterans of the Afghan War. the leader of Gamaa has found Egypt a fertile recruiting ground because of its social and economic problems. More than half the population cannot read, and unemployment is estimated at 20 per cent.

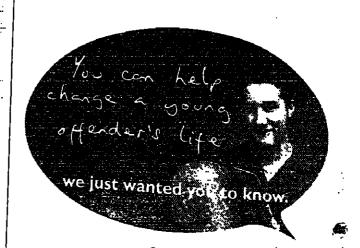
To date, the key to Mr Mubarak's survival has been the loyalty of the 400,000strong army plus his network of security services. But the loyalties of an increasing number of middle and lowerranking members of the security forces are not above suspicion. The danger for the West is that if Egypt should fall into extreme Muslim hands, it is assumed that Algeria. Tunisia. Morocco. Libya. Jordan and even Syria could swiftly follow suit.



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Cable and Wireless shares leap on BT merger hopes



SHARES of Cable and Wireless leapt yesterday on speculation that an agreement to merge with British Telecom was imminent. But the companies played down the rumours, saying substantive issues remained before they could sign a broad agreement to create £35 bil-

lion global telecoms group. C&W shares gained 26p to 548p. breaking their previous high of 544p, on volume of about 10 million

rise. BT shares were up 62p to 379p. The speculation that an agreement would be signed shortly came as C&W announced it will take a £120 million exceptional charge in its 1995-96 accounts on its disappointing Eastern European operations.

The charge includes £76 million goodwill and will have no effect the company's cash position. C&W said the write-down would be more than offset by the £199 million gain booked on sale of its 5 per cent

funk, a mobile phone operator in Germany. The charge does not appear, as some investors assumed, as a bout of "house cleaning" in preparation for the merger with BT. One analyst said: This is more about getting rid of the things

that Lord Young collected." Lord Young of Graffham was ousted as chairman in November along with James Ross, the chief executive. At the time, C&W was coming under fire for devoting too

charge relates mainly to investments in four companies with operations in Russia, Belorussia, Latvia and Bulgaria.

C&W's 32 per cent stake in Petersburg Long Distance, a Canadian company with a telecoms business in St Petersburg, is the best known of the lot. Its \$106 million investment has lost more than a third of its value in the past two years. The next largest is C&W's majority interest in a joint venture whose only asset is a 49 per

tional telecoms company in Latvia. C&W said it took the charge because "the expectations we had when we first entered the market

have not been realised." It said it would try to turn the businesses around. Some observers, however, think that C&W is more likely to bale out. If C&W and BT merge, their disposal is all but certain because they would be a management distraction.

Sterling lifted by surprise German move

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

interest rates boosted ster-ling yesterday and revived hopes in the City that British rates could be cut again.

The Bundesbank cut its

discount rate to 2.5 per cent from 3 per cent and its emergency Lombard financing rate to 4.5 per cent from 5 per cent, both changes effective from today. The German central bank said that its key money market repo rate would be kept fixed at 3.3 per cent for at least the next two weeks. The move takes the discount rate back to its record

low seen in early 1988. The Bundesbank was clearly responding to the chronic weakness in the German econorny on the day after the Bonn Government admitted that economic growth was turning

BOTH key measures of Brit-

ish inflation remained un-

changed in March compared

with February as higher

prices for food and leisure

goods and an increase in

house prices was offset by

The headline rate of retail

price inflation was steady at

2.7 per cent and the underly-

ing rate, targeted by the

Government, was unchanged

disappointing for the finan-

cial markets, which had been

hoping for small falls in inflation, there is still consid-

erable confidence that infla-

While these figures were

falling motoring costs.

A SURPRISE cut in German out to be far weaker than German and consequently

The rate move also came a day after the International Monetary Fund expressed concern that the economic slowdown in Europe is compromising the ability of Germany, France and others to meet the criteria for monetary union in 1999. The IMF suggested that, with no scope to boost growth on the fiscal to cut their budget deficits, lower rates would be needed.

The move by the German central bank also comes on the eve of a meeting of the Group of Seven in Washington on Sunday. While G7 countries are happy with the deprecia-

tion will fall in the months

ahead. In April, the effect of

last year's cut in mortgage

interest tax relief from 20 to 15

per cent will fall out of annual

comparisons and take 0.22 per

Lower mortgage rates are also expected to depress infla-

tion over the next few months. In addition, sharp drops in

industrial costs and prices

should feed through to the

Treasury, which noted yester-day that inflation remains low

and is anticipated to fall further given that producer

prices are still easing.

This is a view shared by the

cent off headline inflation.

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

their latest snapshot of the tion in the yen over the past British economy and said that there was no case either for an year, there is growing concern increase or a cut in interest rates, given the widening gap between the performance of **Inflation remains** manufacturing and service industries.

In its latest quarterly trends survey of a sample of more unchanged at 2.7%

than 7,600 companies, the British Chambers of Commerce said that service sector companies, including high street shops, enjoyed their highest level of sales growth this decade in the first three months of 1996 - the service sector's best quarter for two

European economies.

German officials, both in

Bundesbank, have become in-

creasingly concerned with the

strength of the mark, which is

now expected to weaken a

little. Sterling benefited from

yesterday's news, trading in

London at around DM2.2785

from DM2_2730 late on

ABN-Amro Hoare Govett,

said that he expected a further appreciation in the pound and

another 14-point British rate

Yesterday the British Cham-

bers of Commerce presented

cut, perhaps in June.

But in manufacturing, the chambers' survey showed home and export orders down as industry suffered from a rundown in stocks, with larger firms in particular being hit hard. Manufacturing growth is at its lowest level since late

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Speculators target Woolwich

By Caroline Merrell. Robert Miller and Anne Ashworth

before its planned flotation yesterday, as its directors faced a barrage of acrimonious questions at the annual meeting over the sudden departure of Peter Robinson, the chief executive.

More than 1,000 savers and borrowers auizzed an embarrassed board over a report now being prepared on the Mr Robinson's departure. He was ousted following allegations of abuses of expenses and other irregularities.

The City now believes that the Woolwich has been "put into play" as a takeover target. One observer said yesterday: "The whole industry is casting

SPECULATION grew that the Wool-wich Building Society could now be taken over the Wool-wich."

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Among those attending was

Andrew Longhurst, Cheltenham & Gloucester chief executive - a Woolwich "carpetbagger", having joined the society just in time to benefit from its flotation. C&G is now part of Lloyds, which remains interested in further

A bid battle for Woolwich, the third-largest society, with its valuable brand name and 500-strong branch network, would mean a larger than expected payout for the 3.5 million savers and borrowers. At present, eligible Woolwich customers can expect to receive an average payout of £1,000. This could increase by at least £125 in a bid battle.

The Prudential is high on the list of possible interested parities that led to Mr Robinson's ties. Other names mentioned include BAT, the financial services and tobacco group,

Midland, Halifax and Nat-

ional Australia Bank. The Woolwich board, chaired by Sir Brian Jenkins. was ceaselessly attacked from

the floor over its handling of Mr Robinson's resignation. Sir Brian refused to comment in detail over the affair. He said: The root of this issue was the loss of confidence and trust on the part of the board." Dick Jones, a Woolwich

member, was annoyed that

departure were not alluded to in the accounts.

Sir Brian said they would make no material difference to the society's profits, which were £333m in 1995. He also refused to say whether the report about Robinson would be made public. His reply drew cries of "cover up" from the assembled membership.

Attempting to reinforce the chairman's assertion, a defensive Donald Kirkham, the acting chief executive, said that the financial irregularities "did not amount to a row of beans".

Norman Ellis, another member, said: "Were people turning a blind eye to what

London Electricity bid talk

Stars and stripes for Body Shop By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE first wholly independent social audit of a leading British company voices serious criticisms of The Body Shop International, the company that commissioned it.

Kirk Hanson, the American business academic, concludes that on most social matters Body Shop is more responsible and performs above average. "Certain dimensions of its social behaviour, however, raise concerns and should be addressed promptly.".

Gordon Roddick, Body Shop chairman, said the report would be an agenda for action: "Our staff training is. lousy, development of employ-ees is not good enough and our communication with franchisees is not good."

Mr Hanson, a specialist in ethics and responsibility at California's Stanford Graduate Business School, marked The Body Shop out of five on a range of tests. The group gains five or four stars on its values,

relations with employees, environmental performance and social campaigning, but it barely averages three stars on relations with shareholders and ranks below par on relations with the public and its franchisees. The group is tagged with the

lowest, one star rating only on its prickly and defensive reaction to criticism.

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Roddick "agenda for action"

By Christine Buckley

BID EXPECTATIONS for London Electricity yesterday grew strongly with Houston Industries believed to be the potential predator.

London's shares moved up 28p to 813p as speculation increased that a move was close. Houston joined with Central and South West Corporation for an abortive bid on Norweb last year, and is known to have kept a keen interest in moving in on the UK electricity market. The electricity sector has been enlivened by the approach to National Power by Southern Company of the US, but is also in the midst of pre-election urgency. Potential bidders are thought to be hurrying to seal deals ahead of a possible Labour government, which

has indicated a tougher stance

on utility takeovers. The Texan Houston Industries would not comment on a potential move and London, whose name has

also been linked with Thames Water, also declined to comment on whether talks were in

London has forged a number of strategic links with Thames Water aimed at sharing information technology and other duplicated functions. While both sides have so far said that such links will stop short of full merger, the joint operations are also likely to enhance London's takeover

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National **Power** spurns

US suitor

By Christine Buckley

NATIONAL POWER yesterday began to defend itself against bid interest from Southern Company by refus-ing to talk to the US utility. The hardening of attitude by the UK's largest generator, which had earlier issued a non-committal response to

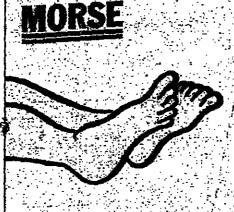
Southern's first announcement, is said to have surprised the US company which has been heavily lobbying the electricity industry. It is now thought to be possible that Southern could

abandon the takeover plans. its retreat would be a significant turnround after it has mounted a heavy telephone campaign to win over chief executives of regional companies. Southern has been trying to persuade the industry of its case amid controversy over the plan that could put a third of Britain's power generation in Amercian hands.

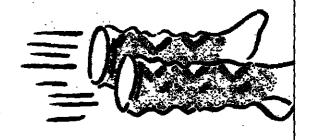
National Power said there was no point in a meeting between Tom Boren, chief executive of Southern Electric International, and its own chief executive and chairman. It questioned whether Southern had the financial strength to

deliver a satisfactory bid. However, many in the in-dustry believe that Southern is on the prowl for both National Power and Southern (UK) if lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, sanctions the generator's bid for the regional company and endorses vertical integration. In a letter to Mr Boren, John Baker, chairman of National Power, said: "National Power is not now and will not be for sale" unless there is compelling shareholder value.





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airline BRITISH AIRWAYS has formed a new alliance with the US regional airline America West, which will connect up America's network of domestic routes with BA's transat-lantic flights to Phoenix,

BA starts a new daily non-stop service from London Gatwick to Phoenix on July I. "The new agreement will feed Phoenix passengers directly on to America West's network of services to 96 destina-tions," the airlines said in

a ioint statement. Under the deal the airlines intend to share flight codes, an industry marketing technique that will combine BA and America West's networks in flight reservation systems.

"Subject to government approval, services to Albuquerque, Burbank, El Paso, Las Vegas, Long Beach, Oakland, Ontario, Orange County, San Jose and Tucson will carry the flight numbers of both America West and British Airways," the statement said. BA said the deal with America West, ranked the ninth largest airline in the United States, will open up the western United States to its passengers.

Peter Spencer. BA's regional director for the Americas, said: "This agreement will give our passengers access to an excellent network in southwest USA."

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PIA move to make advisers liable angers investment firms

MORE than 100,000 pension and investment advisers will in future have to answer directly to their City watch-dog. The announcement that advisers will have to sign individual contracts and be personally liable to fines or even expulsion from the financial services industry sparked an angry reaction from some of the largest providers of life, pensions and investment

The Personal Investment Authority, which polices firms

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange

is poised acquire the broking at i the RAC and

begin silling motor, household, heal in and life insurance

The bid from GRE would

require the RAC to drop its

panel of 20 insurers and

switch all its underwriting

contracts to GRE. The RAC

brand will remain, and is seen

by GRE as a valuable asset be-

cause of loyalty to the RAC by

A statement yesterday from

GRE confirmed discussions

were being held "about a long

term strategic alliance. The

RAC brand will be sold via

Guardian Direct. GRE's new

telephone insurance service.

Sun Alliance and Royal Insur-

ance, who are on the RAC's

panel, are also thought to

The Automobile Associ-

ation, which uses a panel of 42

insurers, vesterday criticised

the RAC for planning to "ab-

Mark Wood, managing direc-

tor of AA insurance services.

said: "We believe it is a mis-

guided strategy and not one

we would follow. The AA and

the RAC are both membership

clubs and it is important to

have been approached.

its six million members.

under the RAC brand.

is poised

GRE poised

to buy RAC's

insurance

broking side

By Marianne Curphey

introduce personal contracts between 120,000 advisers and their regulator. The PIA, headed by Colette Bowe, said the new measure would prevent an individual taking up an appointment, where PIA is not satisfied that the individual is fit and proper, and enable the

PIA to take direct disciplinary

action against an individual. The PIA, which plans to introduce the tough new regime next year, will also insist that firms take even more responsibility for their sales staff by requiring them to selling directly to the public, certify, in writing, that manag-

RAC's commission income

has been falling steadily and

the insurance market as a

whole has dropped by 14 per

cent over the last few years.

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executive. said: "Following

discussions with a number of

interested parties. Guardian

Royal Exchange has emerged

as a potential partner. It has

the necessary range of capabil-

growing relationship to pro-

vide improved value and ser-

vice to an RAC database of

The Royal Automobile

over six million individuals."

Club, which was founded in

1897 and has been offering

motor insurance for more

than 20 years, is not intending

to sell its motor breakdown

A GRE spokesman said it

was not interested in acquir-

ing breakdown business but

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"Talks are going on and no

service.

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give members the choice. The for cross-selling," he added.

needed to run for cover. Neil Johnson, the RAC chief

We have four times the motor

ers and advisers employed by added: "We already have the ual contracts with sales reprethe company have been properly vetted. The watchdog added: "Failure to carry out this firm-based vetting will be a punishable offence.

David Mott, a spokesman for Co-operative Insurance, one of the largest firms to be affected with more than 6,000 representatives, said: "The PiA move is just bureaucratic and an unnecessary expense that will have to be borne by the customer at the end of the day. We have estimated that individual registration will cost around £150,000 in the first year alone." Mr Mott proper systems in place and the new move will simply duplicate records. The matter could reliably be left in the hands of the providers and PIA officials could monitor or check our records whenever they wanted.

Legal & General said: "The PIA move for individual contracts is very questionable. There will be very considerable additional costs involved and little positive benefit. We already have very strict monitoring criteria and systems in place."

The PIA's stand on individ-

sentatives and agents will almost certainly be backed by the influential Commons Treasury Select Committee, headed by Sir Tom Arnold. Last summer Ms Bowe, PLA chief executive and her chairman Joe Palmer, former chief executive of Legal & General, were pressed to introduce individual contracts without

delay. Mr Palmer said yesterday: The introduction of individual contracts will strengthen investor confidence. I believe it will also increase public

Return to profit for Laura **Ashley**

By Sarah Bagnall

LAURA ASHLEY, the clothing and furnishing group, yesterday reported a return to profit and its first significant dividend for six years.

The shares rose lop to 180p. Ann Iverson, chief executive since July, also disclosed plans to build up the home furnishings business by opening new stand-alone stores. Sales are currently split equally but Ms Iverson wants home furnishing sales to represent 65 per

cent of group sales. The retailer reported a pretax profit of £10.3 million in the year to January 27 - the highest since 1989 and a sharp turnaround from the loss of £30.6 million last time. The turnaround was achieved on the back of a 4 per cent advance in sales to £336.6 million. The group operates 175 stores in the UK. 177 in the

US and 76 in Europe. The profit improvement largely reflected tight cost controls. Ms Iverson was pleased with the advance in profits but "much remains to be done". However. confidence in the future led to payment of a final dividend of 0.5p a share. Although nominal dividends of 0.1p have this is the first significant dividend since 1989.

In the first ten weeks of this year, total shop sales are up I per cent overall and 3 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

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Ann Iverson: plans to expand home furnishings

Adtranz to shed 224 jobs as new train orders dry up By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent BRITAIN'S train manufactur-

ing industry suffered another blow yesterday when Adtranz, the largest UK train-maker, announced 224 redundancies.

The job losses will be from factories at Derby, Crewe and Chart Leacon, near Ashford in Kent. The biggest losses are in the bogie division in Derby, which will see 120 redundancies. A further 60 will go at Crewe and 44 at Chart Leacon. The redundancies have

been caused mainly by the absence of new train orders, the longest in the history of the railways in Britain, since the

start of rail privatisation. A spokeswoman said that a number of rolling stock leasing companies and franchise operators were talking about possible new orders. "There is a bit of a glimmer at the end of the tunnel, with orders coming. but that will not mean anything on the factory floor for

another two years," she said. Stig Svard. Adtranz's chief executive, said: "This is a very sad day for the company and

more so for those people who

will have to leave under redundancy. It is, however, a vital step to ensure that we retain our competitive edge in the very difficult market conditions in which we are

operating." Adtranz, formed in January through a merger of the railway arms of ABB and Daimler-Benz, employs 4,300 workers at 10 sites in the UK. The business used to employ 9,000 workers when it operated as the engineering section of British Rail before it was

privatised in 1989.

Watchdog examines disciplinary process

THE Securities and Futures Authority, the City watchdog, is considering a revamp of its disciplinary procedures in the wake of criticism of its handling of former staff of Barings, the failed merchant bank. Nick Durlacher, the SFA chairs the failed merchant bank. man, said that the regulator was considering the transparency of its disciplinary process and the responsibilities of senior executives at regulated firms. In March the SFA began disciplinary action against individuals linked to Barings, which collapsed in February 1995. But because of its rules, the SFA was unable to name the individuals involved or the

The regulator was also considered too lenient with the two executives at the helm of Barings, Peter Baring, the chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy. The SFA said charges against them. they were not responsible for the bank's collapse yet sought assurances from them that they would not seek top management jobs in the City.

Fall in car production

CAR production fell by 12 per cent last month, compared with a year ago, and the number of commercial vehicles built suffered an even bigger decline, falling almost 18 per cent to 21,664. Figures released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics showed total car production of 148,745 last month, compared with 170,530 in March of last year. Over the first three months of the year, UK car production totalled 422,987, a rise of just 0.32 per cent on the same

Bloomsbury at £1m

BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, the book publisher, lifted profits before tax by 19.2 per cent to £1.01 million in the year to December 31. The total dividend is increased to 3.4p a share. from 2.64p, through a 2.72p final payout. Earnings fell to 7.8p per share from 11.46p as a result of a provision for deferred tax. The shares, unchanged by the news, were 101p. Turnover was 17.3 per cent higher at £11.37 million but there was an increase in marketing and distribution costs of almost 59 per

Bunzl acquires Payne

BUNZL, the international paper and plastics group, has agreed to acquire the PP Payne companies from Norcros for £43.4 million. Payne is a supplier of self-adhesive tear tapes and a UK manufacturer of plastic strapping. In the year to March 31, 1995, the business earned operating profits of £4 million, and it is expected that a significant increase was achieved in the financial year just ended. Norcros said the proceeds from the disposal will be used to reduce the

Franc hits Peugeot sales

PSA Peugeot Citroen, the French car manufacturer, said profits fell 45 per cent to Fr1.7 billion (£187 million) last year as the franc's strength against other currencies and weak sales: took their toll. Sales slipped 1.2 per cent to Fr164.25 billion. Operating margins shrank to 2.3 per cent of sales from 4.4 per cent, while the company's debt rose nearly 30 per cent. The 1995 dividend is cut by FrI to Fr5 a share. There was a 21 per cent drop in total car sales in France in spite of government incentives to boost demand.

Bodycote surges to £19at

BODYCOTE INTERNATIONAL, the metal technology and general industrial company, increased pre-tax profits to £18.94 million in 1995 from £15.8 million in spite of a fall in turnover to £80.39 million from £84.3 million. Bodycote Metal Technology, the firm's flagship increased profits by 41 per cent to £12.5 million, assisted by the acquisition of Powernet in Sweden. Headline earnings per share increased to 21.7p from 17.5p. A final dividend of 4.1p a share lifts the total to 6.5p from 5.75p.

BCCI settlement move

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, the United Kingdom and Cayman Islands liquidator to the failed Bank of Credit. and Commerce International, is to announce plans today for a \$70 million settlement in relation to \$150 million that was allegedly "subvented" from the BCCI and ICIC Staff. Benefit Trusts in 1986. The liquidator is to put up \$50 million and a third, unnamed party, the remaining \$20 million. Hearings will be held in the Cayman Islands on May 27 and in the High Court in London on June 4.

Henry Boot at record

HENRY BOOT & SONS, the construction company, achieved a 6.5 per cent increase in profits last year in spite of difficult trading conditions in the industry. Profits rose to a record £8.69 million before tax from £8.16 million and earnings were 23.6p a share, rising from 22.8p. There is a final dividend of 5.55p a share, making a total of 7.5p (7.1p). The shares rose 3p to 223p. Turnover fell marginally to £179.2 million from £184 million. House sales fell below the levels of the previous year.

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Total Turnover Total Trading Profit

£4,614.2m £4,156.2m £365.6m £317.0m

Profit before Exceptional Profit and Taxation

£329.3m £283.3m

Earnings per share before Exceptional Profit

66.3p*

Proposed final dividend of 17.6p per share (1994 - 16.0p) making a total paid and proposed for the year of 25.3p per share, an increase of 10.0 per cent over the 23.0p paid for 1994.

* Adjusted to reflect the bonus element included in the 1995 rights issue.

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REMEMBER the horrors of adolescence — the spots, the tantrums, the self-doubt, and worst of all, the Saturday evenings at the transport

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all the other wallflowers? So sympathise for a moment with those as yet unmatched building societies, chiefs who must attend next months and limited in the second second societies.

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This year's great building society scramble has become like the great utilities scramble of last autumn that has been so helpfully revived by the Americans. In both cases, thousands and thousands of investors who had plumped their few hundred quid on the counter hoping for only modest returns in fairly obscure investments are now looking at unexpected windfalls.

unexpected windfalls.

In both cases, their gains have encouraged others from outside to try to identify the next domino to fall. In utilities, they are called investors and have some degree of respectability; in building excitation they are carrecthogours. societies, they are carpetbaggers

and are universally reviled. In both cases, the scramble has left a few wallflowers, not by any means the worst of the bunch, wondering where they went wrong. There are three regional electricity companies as yet un-bid for: there are likewise, of the top ten building societies, three that look set to retain their mutual status. What will the

chiefs of the Nationwide, the Bradford & Bingley and the Yorkshire say to their peers in

Birmingham? The answer is that all three will emphasise the benefits of continuing independence and mutuality, and several have put up convincing arguments to this effect. But their problem is that the scramble to acquire their rivals, like that to buy a British rivals, like that to buy a British utility, has acquired its own momentum. Electricity and, to a lesser extent, water now has a scarcity value that, according to classic laws of supply and demand, means that if you truly want a company, you had better

Likewise building societies; while investors also have purely while investors also have purely financial incentives not to lose out on the rush. If you are a bank seeking to buy a society that is thinking of floating, all you have to do is put a higher price on the table to the manhor than the table to the members than the incumbent management can afford, paying for it out of the perceived benefits of "synergy". If your quarry is not looking to demutualise, then you have to persuade the members their

Care to take the floor? short-term interests are better served by a lump sum now. Which brings us to the Wool-

wich, whose bad-tempered meet-ing yesterday was at least spared an appearance by Peter Robinson as Banquo's Ghost to make things worse. The assumption when he went last month was that this would not derail progress to a stock market float. By now the betting must be that it will, not least because of that Gadarene-like momentum. Any partner would have no difficulty topping the £1,000 handout available to the average Wool-wich investor, and would have time on its side. Care to dance?

Body Shop's unlikely winner

THE idea of Body Shop commissioning a social audit of itself conjures up an off-putting vision of the worthy trying to justify their worthiness to the self-righteous. But it did not turn out that you. That is appearing to out that way. That is greatly to the credit of the company, which gave carte blanche to Kirk Hanson, an experienced AmeriPENNINGTON



more down-to-earth "audit" than sceptics might have expected. As a result, it turned into an exercise that all big companies should consider, even if the principles

consider, even if the principles and practice they want to test are quite different from those of Anita and Gordon Roddick.

The company had a particular problem. Having traded on its social responsibility and fair dealing, as well as the benign nature of its products, it found the very strength of its brand the very strength of its brand under threat when American critics attacked its record. The company set up its own attitude company set up its own attitude audit among "stakeholder" groups, published as a "Social Statement" in January. As chairman Gordon Roddick admits, however, this would never win credibility among critics on its own. It still needed courage to

his judgments are much harsher than the generally approving British stakeholders. So the audit has educated management and become a useful agenda for action on anything from board structure to training, instead of merely ratifying its self-image.
Ironically, the harshest verdict was over the company's defensive reaction to criticism.

sive reaction to criticism. Publication of this 30-page warts-and-all report answers that. It might also put off others. There is a difference between being open and confessing all your sins in public. Mr Roddick, who had to suffer

sleepless nights, advises that others might prefer to com-mission their first couple of audits as a private exercise before revealing all, to avoid any chance of an exercise in selfimprovement deteriorating into self-destruction. Many others

could benefit from such a candid exercise. As at Body Shop, trad-ing performance should benefit too once action is taken.

When surrender has its merits

ON THE surface, there is no link between BT's efforts to merge with Cable and Wireless and BT's efforts to thwart Oftel. The merger is aimed at creating a £35 billion global phone and multimedia company; the fight with the regulator is to ensure that Oftel does not succeed in reducing BT's prices to the point that its domestic operations become, in effect, a social service.

Oftel has said it would go nuclear and resort to a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry if BT rejects the new inflation-based price reduction formula, a fight to be determined by the summer. But consider this: the C&W merger negotiations might have the effect of reducing the likelihood of such an inquiry. This is for two reasons. BT is working flat out to reach an agreement in principle

said this partly resulted from

problems in bringing a hub at

He said a stagnant sales

position would have meant

improving its performance and would have been "a hard

slog", but he was sure the

French company, with its more international profile,

would be able to improve its

fortunes. Mr Cockburn said

he was very pleased with the

price, which he said was based

on its potential rather than on

its profitability.

Andover on-stream.

with C&W by the summer and does not need the mammoth distraction of an MMC probe while management is already approaching overload.

More significantly, BT does not need the uncertainty. because uncertainty is always bad for share prices. BT and C&W plan to come together through a share swap, and so it is in BT's best interests to ensure that its shares are trading as high as possible when the terms of the deal are struck. An MMC inquiry might rattle investors, who, with all good reason, would fear that it might go against BT.

BT would never admit that it is considering a retreat in the war with Oftel Avoiding an inquiry, however, might make the process of building one of the largest and most diverse world telecoms groups a lot easier.

Lucky Ken?

PERHAPS Canny Ken should henceforth be known as Lucky Ken. Fortune really does seem to smile on our Chancellor. Just when the City had constructed a clear-cut case against tax cuts and a strong one against lower base rates, Germany obligingly cut its own rates and the betting on a corresponding June reduction here has reopened. With luck like that, how can the Chancellor go wrong?

RMC knocks down hopes of building on record profits

By Sarah Cunningham

RMC, the building materials group, announced record profits for 1995 yesterday but gave warning that in the first half of this year profits would be "appreciably below" those of the same period last year. It said the immediate outlook

for the group was affected by weaker demand in Germany, Britain and France, exacerbated by a prolonged and severe winter. Although it hopes for a pick up in housing activity in Britain in the second half, profits look unlikely to match those of 1995.

The group made a pre-tax. pre-exceptional profit last year of £329.3 million, up 16.2 per ent. It also made an exceptional profit of £12.4 million on the

disposal of its 25 per cent stake mits have fallen 13 per cent, in Lieferbeton, its Austrian subsidiary. It is proposing a full-year dividend of 25,30, up 10 per cent, with a 17.6p final. although completions have gone up, suggesting that a dip in housing activity is on the way. The group has refur-Its shares fell initially on the bished a plant at Rudersdorf, profit warming but ended virtually unchanged, up ip at £10.51, recovering after the Bundesbank cut interest rates. near Berlin, and is confident of cashing in on the commercial and infrastructure building boom as the city prepares to Germany accounts for about

50 per cent of RMC's profits.
Peter Young, chief executive, said that the first half of last become Germany's capital.

The fall in British building activity in the second half meant cuts in volumes in most year was particularly good, product sectors, but cost conbut business deteriorated in trol and firm margins helped the second half. "I hope this keep profits in line with the year ends up as the other way round, with the second half second half of 1994.

the US and Israel, with combined profits up 70 per cent last In Germany, housing peryear, and this was seen continuing into 1996. In the US, RMC had record profits in 1995. The group said it is now looking at the possibility of expanding into India and Malaysia. It may also make some add-on acquisitions in markets where

it already operates. By sector, ready mixed concrete and aggregates turnover rose to £2.9 billion (£2.5 billion), with profits rising to £202 million (£178 million). Turnover from cement, lime and concrete products rose to £1.2 billion (£1.1 billion), with profits up to El41 million (El20 million).

Orange shares are squeezed

Orange, the mobile telephone company floated on the London Stock Exchange in March, said yesterday that it had added more than 120,000 new customers since January and now had in excess of 500,000 subscribers. However, the company's shares fell by 2½p to 233p.

Last month the company's £2.45 billion share offer was ten times subscribed. The shares were offered at 205p each. The flotation reduced Hutchison Whampoa's stake in the company to 48.22 per cent. British Aerospace has a 21.91 per cent interest.

Niceday sold for £142m

By Sarah Cunningham

WH SMITH has sold its business supplies division to Guilbert, the French office stationery company, for about £142 million cash. The sale is the first result of a companywide strategic review, expected to be completed at the end of May.

The markets had been speculating on the disposal of Niceday, but not at such a high price, and WH Smith shares closed up 15p at 491p yesterday.

The division, WH Smith Business Supplies, producer of the Niceday brand, is one of

Britain's leading stationery suppliers and employs 1,400 people in Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Andover in Hamp-shire and Horsham in West

Sussex. The company said it did not expect Guilbert, the largest French company in the sector and now the largest single player in the UK market, to announce any redundancies. The performance of the

division has been disappointing for WH Smith, with operating profits in the second half of last year down to £1.7 million from £7.1 million in

McDonnell Douglas rises the first half. Bill Cockburn, WH Smith chief executive,

McDonnell Douglas, the aerospace and defence group, achieved a 25 per cent rise in first-quarter earnings to \$198 million from \$159 million, helped by a strong performance at its military aircraft subsidiary. Earnings were \$1.78 a share, up from \$1.38. Total revenues slipped to \$3.2 billion from \$3.3 billion. primarily because of a decrease in deliveries of commercial aircraft Revenues from commercial aircraft dropped to \$428 million from \$917 million. Revenues from military aircraft rose 6 per cent to \$2 billion.

WOOLWICH RECORDS A STRONG FINANCIAL **PERFORMANCE**



Addressing the 148th Annual General Meeting of the Woolwich Building Society held yesterday, Chairman, Sir Brian Jenkins reported:

"...a strong financial performance during 1995 despite intense competition in our key markets."

This resulted in:

RECORD PRE-TAX PROFIT OF £333m GENERAL RESERVE INCREASED TO £1.67bn ASSETS INCREASED TO £28bn

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Pointing out that the U.K. housing market had failed to show signs of recovery during the year, Sir Brian referred to gross and net mortgage lending, of £3.1bn and £929m respectively, as a "significant achievement". He drew attention to the diversification strategy undertaken by the Woolwich in recent years, selecting five subsidiaries for special mention:

WOOLWICH INSURANCE SERVICES (General Insurance) The Woolwich became the first building society to move into the direct provision of insurance services WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS (Unit Trusts)

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doubled assets earlier this year BANCA WOOLWICH SpA (Italy) 30% increase in lending and bank status gained in October 1995

With reference to the Society's conversion and flotation, he said: "The conversion project is progressing well, according to the plan and timetable. We are working closely with the Building Societies Commission and The Bank of England. Conversion will not change the Woolwich's traditional values, as we approach our 150th anniversary. They have provided the foundation of our success and will continue to do so in the years to come. Conversion will provide the means, operational flexibility and structure to advance into a changing world as a strong, independent company serving our millions of customers."

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Sir Brian Jenkins, Chairman





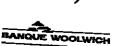
















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McDonald's sees another record year

McDONALD'S CORP, the American fast food company, said it continues to expect another record-breaking year of sales and profits in 1996, in spite of a continued competitive US market. Yesterday McDonald's said first-quarter US operating income dropped 4 per cent to \$259.2 million from \$269.4 million a year ago. US sales in the quarter rose 4 per cent to \$1.05 billion. Outside the United States. operating income rose 9 per cent to \$314.2 million, including a \$16 million accounting charge, compared with \$288.1 million a year ago. Sales outside America rose 20 per

cent to \$1.37 billion. McDonald's reported earnings for the first quarter of \$0.44 a share, excluding a \$0.02 charge for the accounting change, up from \$0.39.

BRIAN MCGOWAN, chair-

Healthy outlook for SmithKline

BY ERIC REGULY

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceu-ticals and healthcare group, yesterday reported stronger than expected first-quarter results and said that it was on target to meet profit forecasts for the year.

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half." he said.

Peter Young delivered a warning on profits

Jan Leschly, chief executive, said: "We are not changing our forecast. We expect to achieve double-digit earnings

In the three months to March 31. SmithKline's pretax profits rose 7 per cent to £387 million on turnover that was up 10 per cent to £1.87 billion. Analysts had expected pre-tax profits in the £375-£380 million range. Earnings per share were 9.5p, up 6 per cent. Mr Leschly said that the

success of new products, such as Kytril, an anti-sickness drug for cancer patients, were behind the company's improved results. SmithKline also an-

nounced that it would start to advertise Nicorette, the first over-the-counter aid to giving up smoking, on American television this week. It is the first campaign of its kind in the United States for more than 20 years.

In the year to December 31, the company reported profits before tax and exceptional items of £1.36 billion, a 7 per cent increase on the the previous year. SmithKline's shares closed 18p higher at 676 2p.

HoF chief defends choice

By Sarah Bagnall

man of House of Fraser, vesterday staked his future at the struggling department store group on the success of ohn Coleman, the newly oppointed chief executive who thins at the end of the month. Mr McGowan, who was responsible for the appointment of Mr Coleman, a former managing director of Texas Homecare, said: "I will have to live or die by this choice." The appointment, anfell from £754.7 unced last week, was greet-£748.9 million. ed with a fall in the share

price. Mr Coleman fills the void left vacant by last month's sudden departure of Andrew Jennings, the group's managing director. Mr McGowan made his

remarks as he disclosed a sharp fall in profits at the Dickens & Jones and Army & Navy group, from £28 million to £14.3 million in the year to January 27. This was in line with expectations after a series of profit warnings. Sales from continuing operations

The decline in profits reflected a 1.6 per cent fall in the gross margin, which was blamed on an £11 million overhang of old stock and the poor performance of ladies' wear. "We brought the wrong clothes," Mr McGowan said adding that the buying team has been strengthened.

The dividend, due July was held at 3.8p and payable out of earnings of 5p a share, down from 8.2p. The shares rose 2p to 174p.



MICHAEL CLARK

German rate cut gives shares new lease of life

THE surprise half-point cut in German interest rates steered both K bonds and share prices back on a positive course. Equities had been marked lower at the outset reflecting Wall Street's 70-point fall overnight and continued to lose ground as dealers expressed initial disappointment with the latest inflation numbers.

But the Bundesbank takes pride in wrong-footing financial markets and it will no doubt be especially proud of yesterday's performance. The half-point cut enabled the FT-SE 100 index to reverse a 14point deficit to end the session 15.1 higher at 3,820.7 with turnover falling just shy of 1 billion shares.

Sentiment was further bolstered by another flurry of takeover speculation. This time the spotlight focused on Lucas Industries where the price accelerated 20p to 224p wiping out an 11p fall the previous day prompted by talk of a diesel

contract turning sour. There was talk that Lucas could find itself on the receiv-ing end of a bid from another European automotive components group. There were even suggestions that someone has begun building a stake. Brokers say Lucas looks vulnerable following the decision of George Simpson, chief execu-tive, to join GEC later this

Revived whispers about a bid by Time Warner in the US lifted Thorn EMI 15p to £17.80. The speculators say a bid could be worth E23 a

National Power extended this week's advance with a rise of 10p to 588p as the speculators continued to pile in. pinning their hopes on a bid from Southern Company, America's biggest utilities group. Earlier this week. Southern confirmed it was prepared to overcome any regulatory problems and make an offer for National Power.

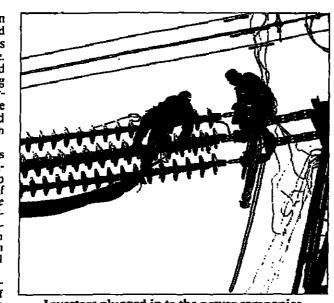
National Power, which is still awaiting the go-ahead from the Government to pursue its bid for Southern Fleetric, says it will not meet Southern until a firm offer is put on the table. Southern Electric rose 9p to 861p. The MMC has already carried out its investigation and passed on its findings to the Department of Trade and Industry

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Investors plugged in to the power companies

indpendent distributors, stood out with a jump of 28p to 813p on bid talk. City speculators say Houston Industries, another US utilities group. may have taken a close look at

BET fell 212p to 20512p with more than 37 million shares changing hands after it published its final defence summary. Rentokil, 2p lighter at

£341.7 million. A programme of cost cutting was underway but the depression in both the German and British construction would take its toll. The shares ended lp firmer at

It looks as if John Coleman faces an uphill struggle when he takes over as chief executive of House of Fraser, the Army & Navy and Dickins & Jones

Rolls-Royce ended 9p better, at 237p, supported by a buy recommendation from SBC Warburg, the broker. On Monday, a party of analystss begin a visit to the group's Allison Engine subsidiary in the US. Brokers say Allison has turned out to a shrewd purchase.

355p, has increased its offer to 217p a share valuing the entire bid at \$2.1 billion. Brokers say a Rentokil victory is near.

RMC Group took the edge of another solid performance with a profits warning. It told brokers that profits in the first six months of the year would fall short of the corresponding period. This came as the group unveiled pre-tax profits last year up from £283.3 million to

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stores group. The shares firmed 2p to 174p after the group unveiled pretax profits almost halved at £14.3 million. This follows an earlier profits warning. The only positive note was a 4.5 per cent rise in like-for-like sales during the current year.

The group blamed de-stocking on the poor performance which cost it an estimated EII million. It now plans to dis-

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stores in its portfolio. Full year figures from Lau-

ra Ashley, the wallpaper and soft furnishings retailer, rose 16p to 180p as the City decided to throw its weight behind Ann Iveson, the new chief executive. Full-year figures were in line with brokers' forecasts with pre-tax profits up from £3.8 million to £10.3 million. A 2 per cent drop in sales has been more than offset by cost savings.

WH Smith recovered an early fall to close 17p dearer at 491p after confirming plans to sell its business supplies arm to Guilbert, the French stationary office supplier, for £142 million. The money will he used to reduce debt.

Symonds Engineering returned from suspension ending the day 10p higher at 71p. month pending that the acquisition of a printed circuit board manufacturer for £11.5 million. To help finance the deal. Symonds arranged a placing of shares at 51p.

High-flying Metal Bulletin has decided to spend some its cash pile with the acquisition of a 49 per cent stake in Sea.net for £1.2 million with an option to buy the rest of the company by the year 2003. Sea net provides information services to the Internet and provides Metal Bulletin with an introduction to the ship-ping and shipbroking indus-try. Metal Bulletin closed 30p

☐ GILT-EDGED: The cut in German interest rates backedup by a strong bund market provided fresh impetus to London. It also enabled the Bank to issue further tranches of stock including £200 million of Treasury index-linked 212 per cent 2011 and £200 million of Treasury index-linked 212 per cent 2024.

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NEW YORK: Weaker bond prices did not discourage investors on Wall Street, who continued to be buoyed by good news on earnings. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 10.11 points stronger at 5,560.04.

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Readymixed Germany

GERMAN construction has been a godsend for companies like Redland and RMC. While their domestic businesses struggle with weak housebuilding volumes and cutbacks in government infrastructure programmes. their continental investments made a mint putting roofs over German heads.

The Teutonic housing boom is coming to an end after peaking in 1994. At the same time. an extended winter on the Continent has seriously handicapped the building industry and materials suppliers will struggle to shift all the anticipated volume in the remains of

RMC yesterday played down the volume slippage in readymix in Germany, reckoning that it is only 5 per cent with not a sign of a margin squeeze. Others are less sanguine, predicting a 10 per cent decline, but RMC

reckons Germany will still build more than 500,000 houses this year.

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Its readymix business is less exposed to a housing slowdown than products like roof tiles and bricks. RMC's optimism also ignores the risk that Germany's industrial construction could slow as its manufacturers shift

production to lower-cost countries. However, there is no debate about RMCs rising tax charge. Weak volumes will lower profits this year and earnings will dip slightly but even when recovery kicks in, higher rates of tax will depress the gains for shareholders.

Yet RMC is a class act among a mixed frage. ernity; good cash flow and earnings cover de ernity; good cash now and earnings cover of three times should enable the company is keep the dividend rising while its robust balance sheet gives scope for aggregates deals in the UK. This is no time to quit RMC.

Laura Ashley

AFTER a lot of talk but little action, the bosses at Laura Ashley are finally getting down to the task. The impact of the arrival of Ann Iverson is already apparent in the results with a return to profit and the first dividend pay-ment for six years. Ms Iverson knows there is a lot more to be done — not least in reaching her target of double-digit margins within

three years. Cost-cutting and an attack on slow-moving stock means that margins are now moving in the right direction. The next step is to drive sales forward. A 3 per cent like-forlike advance in the first ten weeks of the year is not encouraging and reflects contiming sales declines in the US and continental Europe.

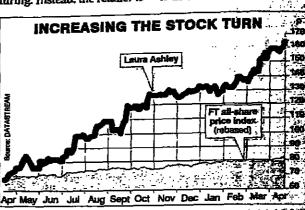
Having rationalised the product range, management

is trimming the shop portfolio with the aim of increasing store size. Management have identified that a fifth of UK stores are too small. Meanwhile, expansion in home furnishings should help profits as margins there are

Curiously, the new broom

has not swept out manufac-turing. Instead, the retailer is

reducing costs and will only source fabrics and garments internally when the price is right. If the new boss shows as much talent in selecting product as cutting costs, Lan-ra Ashley will shine again. That question will only be answered when the authorit collection hits the streets but on balance, some optimism is in order.



SmithKline

SMITHKLINE Beecham's poor cash flow remains a puzzle. Drug companies typically throw off masses of money, blessed as they are with high margins and modest capital costs. However, Smithkline never seems to generate much cash from its huge sales: last year the company threw off only £150 million in free cash flow after tax interest and dividends while in the first quarter of this year the company suffered a net cash outflow of

£100 million. SmithKiine ought to be doing better but the market's predicatable response to yesterday's figures was pleasure at better than expected drug sales. These were up 6 per lysts were expecting. Yet the breakdown of the sales also raises questions. Smith-Kline's big name drugs performed poorly on the whole with sales of Augmentin.

showing declines while the biggest sales increases came from new products and DPS, the the pharmaceutical benefit manager which increased its client coverage by more than 75 per cent. SmithKline's large expo-

sure to lower margin OTC and healthcare products may in part explain its poor cash generation but the company may also be investing more in research and manufacturing. After yesterday's share price increase, Smithkline is on a generous rating of 18 times earnings. Without more details on how the cash is being spent, investors should sit tight.

House of Fraser House of Fraser spent most million of garments that could not be sold at a sensible price - and the company is still carrying £4 million of last year's fashions on the books, despite discounting.

The management has been pilloried for its mistakes. which halved the group's profits. While it may be pointless to dwell on them. the company still fails to demonstrate how it will invigorate a department store chain known best for its out. of season sales.

HoF is taking action, closing down stores with weak sales densities and a new chief executive arrives on the board at the end of the month. Nevertheless there is little evidence at present of a. strategy that will convince. shoppers that the outlets are more than a place to rummage for bargains.

HoF's share price suggests that the strategy is in place and likely to succeed. That seems premature given that There are plenty of cash rich.

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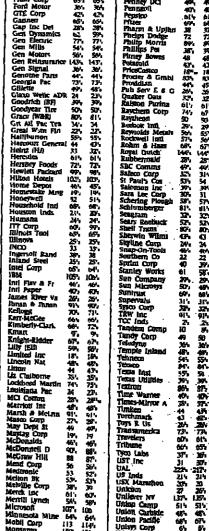
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CITY DIARY

Up to the deadline

STAFF at Sunday Business are determined their paper will hit the news stands this weekend, in spite of setbacks. The paper which claims it is the target of dirty tricks has been seeking last-minute financial backers. including Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers. By yesterday, the paper had parted company with its original printers. West Ferry and its advertising agency. In addition, the Sunday Business Post, based in Dublin, has obtained an injunction preventing the paper publishing in the Irish Republic on the ground that its masthead is too similar to its own. Sunday Business has also received legal threats from Reed Elsevier, the publisher, concerning a story in a dummy issue, which claimed Reed was seeking a buyer for its subsidiary, IPC magazines.

American beef

WITNESS the fearsome economic power of Oprah Winfrey, who led a discussion about beef on her TV show this week. Although mad cow disease has not affected herds in the US, as far as anybody knows, Chicago's futures traders took fright at the thought that millions of Americans might have been put off meat. The traders rushed to sell, and the Chicago beef futures market collapsed shortly after the pro-gramme went off the air.

In the frame

MIDLAND Bank is. spending £2 million on sponsoring ITV dramas. including Inspector Morse and Prime Suspect. But on the advice of Campaign editor Stefano Hatfield, Midland should beware the runaway plot. "What happens when the storyline is about a small businessman who goes bankrupt and turns to drink or violence ... You can see the flashing headlines."



Royal flush

THE chairman of Rentokil took time off from his bid for BET last night. Henry King, also chair-man of the GKR Group, was in Leeds at the Royal Armouries Museum to celebrate the headhunters' silver jubilee. The Duke of Westminster. Sir James Glover and Sir Timothy Kitson were among the guests to groan at King's oke: "It's not everyday you have the opportunity to dine with a Duke, two knights ... and a king."

Dividing wall

WHEN employees at Hambros Fund Management invited their old colleagues from Hambros Municipal Bank to their new offices at One America Square, they held the party in the basement, which boasts a section of Roman wall. Not quite Chinese walls, but both teams kept well apart.

TONY BLAIR shares a common interest with Philip Yates, who yesterday announced his resignation as managing director and joint head of UK corporate finance at SBC Warburg to join Merrill Lynch as a managing director. Rock kids Blair and Yates are both Oasis fans.

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Supermarket customers check out delights of 'shop and go'

Stealing a march on its rivals, Safeway is offering self-scanning, says Sarah Bagnall

walk briskly along the supermarket aisles picking up the items of your choice. You have loaded up your trolley Any of Safeway's 3.4 million holders of loyalty cards can arrive at a store and. and then something strange happens.
You glance at the long queues after a quick swipe of their card, pick up one of 96 scanners from a rack. The moving at a snail's pace, but instead of scanner, which resembles a new-age joining one, you march briskly to a "special" till and, after a momentary phone receiver, is pointed at the desired bunch of grapes, or pot of jam, and the shopper presses a + button. If, you decide you no longer want the jam, you rescan the rejected item and press the minus button.

food shop is not a Darwinian

contest of the fittest that can last

hours. Consider the following.

The trip starts normally enough. You

pitstop, you sail out of the store.

No tiresome time spent standing in

line behind whining children and

have squashed your tornatoes to pulp.

among Britain's leading food retailers.

it has stolen a march on its competitors

Safeway is conducting the largest

experiment of self-scanning in the

world. It is the first British retailer to

enter the brave new technological

world of self-scanning, a process that

transforms the shopper into checkout

assistant by the simple method of

customers passing hand-held bar scan-

The key attraction for the customer is

that it basically amounts to approved

queue barging. Henri Henriques, manager of the Safeway store in Camden, London, says: "Take Christ-

mas, which is peak time for us, and the

average customer comes to the till with

£180 worth of goods. If they used self-

scanning it would take them three to

four minutes to get through the checkout compared with ten minutes

plus if they shopped the normal way."

The idea of self-scanning is simple.

ners over their chosen products.

scanning in 24 of its 370 stores.

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arguing couples. No labourious packing of your bounty into dozens of plastic The scheme is being watched with bags. No more arriving home to find, in interest by the City. Tony MacNeary, an analyst at NatWest Securities, says: spite of your best endeavours, that your industrial-sized tins of baked beans "Clearly it is an interesting innovation and Safeway have taken the lead in the Overall, a shopper's dream. But this UK It could result in improved is reality for many customers of Safeway, the supermarket chain owned by Argyll Group. In the latest twist in the fierce battle for supremacy customer service and reduce labour costs." Mr MacNeary thinks self-scanning could lower the number of staff needed in a store. Safeway. however, is adamant that its introduction will not lead to any job losses.

Dave McCarthy, an analyst at BZW, says self-scanning gives greater flexi-bility to customers and differentiates the retailer. The latter is an important aspect in the battle for custom. Mr McCarthy adds: "There are several advantages for Safeway, such as it reduces the square footage needed for tills and frees up space. The food retailers have been trying to free up space to enable them to introduce more higher-margin non-food products, such as videos and clothes.

There are no other comparable systems on trial, but there is a great deal of talk about "entire basket" scanning. This requires a micro chip in every product and therefore is not feasible for low-cost items.

Self-scanning is proving popular Safeway customers. Mr Henriques says: "In this store, we have more than 5,000 customers who use the self-scanner regularly and we have only had self-scanning in the store since September. At the Camden store, there are about 29,000 holders of ABC. Saleway's loyalty card, of which about 18 per cent use self-scanning regularly. The percentage has crept up from about 11 per cent when it was introduced and Mr Henriques believes that it will contine to grow.

The new system started trials in March 1995 in Safeway's Solihull store. expanding to the other 23 over the course of the year. It has since been modified and branded "shop and go". The group intends to roll self-scanning out into at least a further 30 of its larger stores within the next six months.

n the face of it, self-scanning sounds like a mouthwatering opportunity for as food retailers are common targets for thiefs. However, Mr Henriques says shoplifting is not a problem. This partly reflects the fact that the only ABC cardholders can indulge in selfscanning and, as a result, they have given their name and address to the group. The belief is that not many shoplifiers will be willing to divulge such information.

Mr MacNeary says: "In some parts of the country, self-scanning will be an open invitation to theft. However, the fact that to use the system you have to be a cardholder means Saleway can track you down." The other important aspect is that Safeway makes spot checks on self-scanned trolleys.

With "shop and go", the customer knows if his or her trolley needs rescanning only when the scanner has been returned to the rack. This is a recent modification of the scheme as originally shoppers had prior warning of a check. Now, when the scanner is

returned to the handset dispenser a piece a paper is printed out that gives the all-clear or informs the customer they must have their purchases checked for accuracy.

The re-scanning can - and does show up errors. The most common problem is that children are adept at slipping lollies or crisps into trolleys while their parents are seeking ecologi-

cally-sound washing powder.

One benefit of self-scanning is that it has been found to take pressure off traditional tills. Mr Henriques says: Having self-scanning really reduces the burden on checkouts. I was really worried at Christmas because the store seemed empty and I asked 'are we taking any money guys?. We took millions. It was a brilliant Christmas."

Then there is the added appeal that you don't dump your chosen items unceremoniously to form a tangled, crushed mess in the bottom of a trolley, but pack them neatly into an array of green plastic boxes snugly placed in specially designed tro shapes and sizes. These boxes, are bought by customers, doing away with the need for plastic bags.

Another attraction of the system is the control it offers customers. There is no need for mathematical gymnastics that invariably produce a total that is at odds with that rung up on the till. Instead, a customer shopping on a tight budget can keep a eye on the running total recorded on the scanner. removing and adding products until achieving the desired effect. Surpris-ingly, however, Safeway is not seeing any fall in the size of the average shopping basket.

Self-scanning is in its infancy, but the belief is that it is likely to become a major feature in food retailing in the future. As Mr MacNeary says: "If a retailer can get people to use the self-scanning device and can overcome the problem of trust, or tolerate a certain level of abuse, then it could be a successful means of improving customer

BUSINESS LETTERS

Two 'wise ones' both right on the course of Britain's recovery From M. C. Fitzpatrick

Sir, In Janet Bush's Economic View (April 11), she sought to test the apparently contradictory views held by two of the Chancellor's "Six Wise Ones". Professor Minford believes that the UK recovery is running out of steam, as companies totter under the involuntary increase in stock built up over the last 18 months, he believes that interest rates need to be cut immediately by 2 per cent in order to sustain the recovery. Professor Congdon sees significant dangers of inflation as consumers go out and spend their tax cuts and building society windfalls; he believes that rates will soon have to move upwards. Who is right? I believe they both are. Let us look at Professor Minford's views first. Quarterly growth averaged about 0.5 per cent in each of the final three quar-

ers of 1995, with much of even this anaemic growth being driven by stock build-ing. Moving to 1996, the first two quarters are the most arithmetically significant in determining the overall growth in 1996 as compared with 1995 as a whole; it is likely that growth in these two quarters will be adversely affected as companies stabilise stock levels (or, worse still from a growth perspective, reduce stocks). The impact of the stock shakeout in the first two quarters of 1996 will make it very difficult for the economy to grow by more than a 2 per cent in 1996 as compared with 1995 as a whole. This is so even if the increase in consumer spending helps to lift overall growth to (say) 0.8 per cent per quarter in the second half of 1996, after the

stock shakeout has run its course. A cut in rates now would ease the stock shakeout effect, and make it more likely for economic growth in 1996 to exceed 2 per cent; to this extent, Professor Minford is on the right side of the

Let us now turn to Professor Congdon's analysis. Assuming that quarterly growth does accelerate to about 0.8 per cent in the second half of 1996, then by the end of 1996 the economy will be growing above trend and the Government will almost certainly be in danger of not achieving its 25 per cent underlying inflation target two years out. By the end of 1996 either rates, or taxes, or both, ought to got up; probably taxes, in order to control the PSBR which is now totally out of control as compared to the figures projected by the Treasury in November 1994. This analysis fits broadly with Profes-

sor Congdon's In terms of any decisions to be taken by the Chancellor in late 1996, however, a third factoer cuts in - electorial timing. At the end of 1996, the Government may believe it has a chance of winning the forthcoming election - it may thus be loath to raise taxes or rates on the eve of the poll. On this basis, Professor Congdon's advice is likely to be ignored. My conclusion is that Pro-

fessor Minford is right in the immediate term and Professor Congdon in the medium term; alas, the advice of each is unlikely to be heeded. Yours faithfully, M. C. FITZPATRICK (Head of Economics) Chantrey Vellacott, 10-12 Russell Square, WCl.

Benefits for the whole economy

From Mr Anthony Werner Sir, Janet Bush (Windfalls debate disguises risk to manufacturing jobs. April 11) draws attention to the disarray of economic "experts". She reminds me of a passage in Paul Ormerod's book The Death of Economics "Good economists know, from work within their discipline, the foundations of their s are virtually non-existent.

Lost Prophets by Alfred L. Malabre, an American book, states "a prominent member of the Harvard economics faculty, Robert J. Barro has constructed a so-called misery index, reflecting economic growth, joblessness, unemployment and interestrate levels, and has concluded that misery seems to diminish most pronouncedly when the chairmanship of the (President's Council of Economic Advisers) is held by an economist named 'va-

cancy'." These quotes reinforce the view that economists do not know what they are talking about. A great danger that may have arisen from this, is that the subject of economics is dismissed as valueless. This would be unfortunate. We need to go back to fundamentals, to reexamine, as Adam Smith did, "The nature and causes of the Wealth of Nations". To a classical economist it would be obvious you cannot have a consumer-led recovery while big companies create shortterm profits by downsizing. Classical economists understood that the economy is a whole, damage to part of it damages the whole. We need economists to advise governments on policies to benefit the economy as a whole. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY WERNER 15 Adler Road, SWI.

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HEATHROW HEADQUARTERS FOR SALE Richard Ellis

Kirk O. Hanson on what goes into a social audit

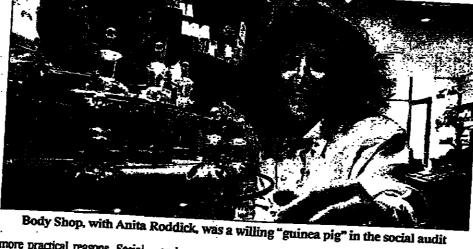
Questions of ethics for Body Shop

n the UK and US, the search for a measure to evaluate a company's social contributions has intensified. While politicians have sought the development of a "corporate social audit" or "ethical impact statement" for their own contemporary political purposes, they have embraced a goal that is decades old. In the late 1960s, American interest in how business con-

tributed to environmental degradation, urban blight and injuries from unsafe products led to calls for corporate social responsibility and the means to measure it. In Western Europe in the 1970s, Labour governments advocated, and occasionally enacted, requirements for "social audits" that documented companies' employment levels, wages and benefits, redundancies and other impacts on worker welfare.

Today, President Climon, Robert Reich, the American Labour Secretary, and Tony Blair have encouraged discussion of a social or stakeholder audit for roughly the same reason: to create a voluntary standard for social behaviour by private business, knowing major new state initiatives for the control of business are unlikely. The existence of such measures, it is hoped, would set the standard of responsible corporate conduct. The media, in turn, would draw attention to the results, bringing pressure

on laggard firms to improve. Mainstream corporate managements are, or ought to be, interested in the social audit for



more practical reasons. Social performance today has pro-found importance for financial performance. The environmental audit identifies significant future costs of pollution remediation. Poor treatment of local communities, neglect of safety in distant manufacturing facilities, or failure to keep up with benefits that address employees' family needs can identify higher future costs and the risks of costly events. Top performance can indicate lower costs and higher productivity in the future.

In subjecting itself to two social evaluations in the past year, The Body Shop Interna-tional has made itself a willing "guinea pig" in the develop-ment of social auditing. Its internally developed Values Report, unveiled in January, focused primarily on dialogues

and surveys that asked stakeholders to rate what they knew of Body Shop's social behaviour. In my Social Evaluation 1995, published today, I rate Body Shop's behaviour against a set of comparable companies on 39 dimensions of social performance. I give the com-pany 39 "grades" of one to five stars, three representing performance comparable to other companies and five representing far superior performance.

ractica) problems abound in performing a social or stakeholder audit. What are the dimensions of social performance, for example? Everything a company does affects a stakeholder, you might argue, but you cannot report effectively on everything. I started with more than 200 categories of "social" per-

formance, setting aside some because they were not important to this kind of cosmetic and accessories company, adding others because of Body Shop's dealings with independent franchisees worldwide. I combined many measures to keep the total number workable.

What is a social rating? Do you rate a company on some absolute quantitative scale, against some measure of "best practice", against the average behaviour of comparable companies, perhaps against the company's own goals or its claims about its own behaviour? With so few accepted metrics or measure of "best practice," I chose to evaluate the social behaviour against the average behaviour of similar companies.

How much investigation and auditing does one do? As in

financial auditing, one could check every transaction and relationship if given an unlimited budget. I made choices and identified appropriate samples. I examined 15 randomly selected customer complaints, visited 25 stores in the UK and the US and talked to 80 employees. I have undoubtedly missed instances of exemplary and substandard behaviour, but, 1 believe, I have accurately captured the overall social record of the company.

inally, who should do a social audit — insiders or an outsider like myself? Can an outsider ever understand the company well enough to draw valid conclusions? Will an audit ever be credible if done by insiders? This year Body Shop commissioned both an outsider audit (mine) and an inside audit, with a form of verification by outsiders.

I believe the social audit will eventually be done much as the financial audit is now done by insiders with outside attestation that the results present a fair representation of the social performance of the company. But until there are generally accepted measures of social performance or the special impact of companies, an outsider's evaluation may be the only way to get a comprehensive assessment of a company's social performance.

The author is senior lecturer at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business

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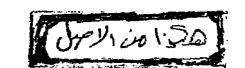
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GEC wins race for submarine contracts

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE General Electric Company is to emerge from talks with Rolls-Royce as the prime contractor on a £2.5 billion to £3 billion order to build up to five nuclear-powered subma-

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rines for the Royal Navy.

The bid battle to build the second batch of Trafalgar class hunter-killer boats was won by a consortium embracing GEC-Marconi, GEC's defence subsidiary; Rolls-Royce and Associates, the nuclear engineer; and Amec, the off-

shore construction group. But in spite of Ministry of Defence efforts to persuade Rolls to participate as a prime contractor, the company will leave GEC to take the risks on the fixed-price contract, and accept relegation to the role of

Housing

'locked

in long

decline'

By RACHEL KELLY

PROPERTY

CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S construction

industry is locked in a cyle

of low investment, low

productivity, inadequate training and a lack of

innovation, according to a

report published vesterday

by the Joseph Rowntree

The report finds that in-

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dised housing and to set more realistic national

The report found that investment in new house-

building has, with the exception of a few short-

lived surges, been falling for more than 35 years. Council and other publicly

subsidised housebuilding

has been drastically cur-

tailed, but housebuilding

in the private sector has

There is a shortage of

skilled labour, with train-

ing of a lower standard in

Britain than in the rest of Europe. The US and The

Netherlands produce homes of equivalent quali-

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sub-contractor. Under the original proposal, Rolls would have been responsible for the entire propulsion system, worth 35 per cent of the con-tract or up to £1.05 billion. But because of its reluctance to risk money in a non-core business, Rolls will be relegated to a much smaller role.

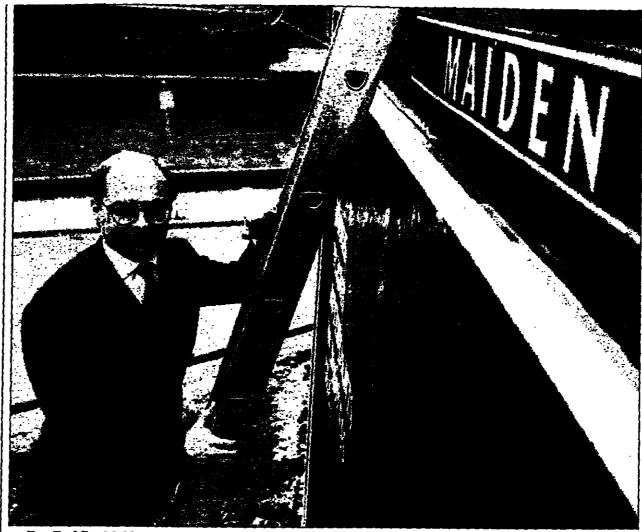
The steam-generating nuclear reactors for the boats will be built by Rolls, which has been Britain's leading nuclear plant engineer since the 1950s. Construction of the main turbines will almost inevitably switch to one of GEC's own subsidiaries, however.

But Rolls is using its leverage to press for a larger role than it has historically enjoyed on Britain's nuclear submarine programme. The company hopes to supply subsidi-ary turbines and other equipment to lift its workshare. The MoD is determined to ensure competitive bidding for all possible sub-systems in an effort to drive down prices.

Nonetheless Sir Ralph Robins, chairman of Rolls-Royce, said: "We will get a bigger share of the work than in the past." The GEC-Marconi consortium was chosen in preference to a rival offer from VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness yard that built Britain's Trident nuclear missile subma-

rines, acquired by GEC last June. The final contract is likely to be placedin autumn. Working with Amec, GEC-Marconi proposed a system of modular construction that offered big cost savings. Similar techniques are already used to build Swedish submarines.

Like Rolls-Royce, Amec will vestment in new houses in now have to bid against other the 1990s has fallen to its would-be sub-contractors for lowest level since the Second World War, and is far much of the work on the boats. below that of other leading Amec had expected to fabricate hull sections at its Wallsend yard on the Tyne. Professor Michael Ball, from the South Bank But it will face competition University, who has anafrom GEC's own VSEL yard, lysed the results of the which has the huge Devon-shire Dock Hall, purposethree-year research pro-gramme, urged the Govbuilt for the construction of ernment to raise the level nuclear submarines. of investment in subsi-



Ron Zeghibe, Maiden's chief executive, who believes the company is "in pole position" to come to the market

Maiden expects £65m flotation

THE Maiden Group, Britain's second-largest outdoor poster advertising operator, is expected to be capitalised at rround £65 million when its shares begin trading on the stock market.

The company, which owns 25,000 advertising panels across Britain, is raising funds to repay debts of

around £37 million through a placing of shares sponsored Deutsche Morgan

Directors are expected to retain a 60 per cent stake in the company and about 25 per cent will be placed with institutional investors. The share price has still to be

Maiden has consistently outperformed the advertising sector since 1993, when the company, which had been owned by the same family since 1925, was the subject of a management buyout.

In 1994, operating profits rose 68 per cent to £3.3 million

and increased again to £5.58 million in 1995. Revenue has

stations. Ron Zeghibe, chief executive of Maiden, forecast a 54 per cent increase to £4 million in operating profits in the first half of the current year. Traditionally, the second half of the year is even stronger," he said. "We are in pole position to come to the

> Mr Zeghibe identified a possible reduction in advertising by tobacco companies as a threat to the business. However, he said that Maiden was better placed to withstand a downturn in the advertising sector than in 1991, when the recession resulted in losses of

increased from £21 million in

1993 to £36.5 million in 1995,

assisted by the acquisition of

by last year's £1.8 million acquisition of British Trans-

port Advertising, securing ex-

clusive advertising rights to

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lo other advertising firms.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French Connection to resume payouts

FRENCH CONNECTION, the fashion retailer, saw profits halved to £3.4 million from £6.86 million because of difficult trading conditions in Europe and America in 1995. However, the group said that after a break of five years, it intends to pay a dividend of 2p per share. David Bernstein, chairman, said the group had had a "reasonable start to the year". He described last year as "a serback". Turnover was static at £70.7 million, compared with £70.5 million.

In America, operating profits were down from £3.2 million to £1 million. French operations incurred a loss of £200,000. In the UK, wholesale profits were £1.7 million, compared with £2.4 million, while retail profits were down to £200.000 from £600,000. Earnings fell to 10p from 23.2p a share.

Wolseley raising £64m

WOLSELEY, the plumbing materials group, is raising £64.4 million via a share placing to finance acquisitions. The company has spent £68 million on the purchase of 17 businesses during this financial year and continues to explore opportunitles for acquisitions. A total of E58 million was spent on acquisitions in the previous year. Wolseley said 14.11 million new shares were being placed with institutions through SBC Warburg at 460p a share. Existing shares fell op to 470p.

Cairn Energy expands

CAIRN ENERGY, the independent oil and gas company, lifted net income to £8.9 million from £5 million in 1995, completing a year of intense corporate activity. The company acquired Holland Sea Search Holdings for £17.9 million and a 10 per cent interest in the North Sea Gryphon field for £35.8 million and sold its holding in CEUSA for £13.7 million. Average production rose to 5.843 barrels of oil equivalent per day from 4,927 boepd. There is again no dividend.

AIM hits target early

THE Alternative Investment Market for smaller companies has exceeded its initial target, of attracting 140 companies within its first year, nearly two months ahead of schedule, the London Stock Exchange said yesterday. Launched in June 1995, AIM has seen more than two billion shares traded. equating to more than £692 million. AIM companies have raised £243 million of new capital. The number of marketmakers trading in AIM shares has risen to nine from three.

WEW incurs £3.4m loss

WEW GROUP, the discount retailer, is again passing the interim dividend after incurring losses of £3.45 million before tax in the 26 weeks to February 3, compared with profits of £5.81 million in the first half of the previous year. Losses were 2.44p a share, against earnings of 2.41p. Turnover fell 7 per cent to £67.5 million and was 14 per cent lower on a like-forlike basis. The decline in turnover has been arrested and the second half is expected to produce a modest pre-tax profit.

ERA dividends resume

ERA GROUP, the retailer and distributor whose subsidiaries include Beatties model and hobby shops, is resuming dividends in spite of a fall in pre-tax profits to £1 million in 1995 from £1.3 million in the previous year. Earnings were 0.44p a share, down from 0.62p. The company said results were affected by lack of consumer confidence, exacerbated by hot weather in the summer and early autumn. Trading has made a strong start this year. The final dividend is 0.1p a share.

Property group to raise £25m

By Carl Mortished

CAPITAL and Regional Properties is raising E25 million to fund an expansion of its investment portfolio. The property group, which last month acquired Wood Green Shopping City, north London, for £33 million, is issuing 526 million in 6.75 per cent convertible subordinated unsecured loan stock by way of rights.

Shareholders can subscribe

for £4 nominal of loan stock for every seven ordinary shares held. The stock is convertible into ordinary shares at the rate of 48.31 shares per E100 nominal from 1996 to 2015 at a conversion price of 207p. Capital and Regional shares were yesterday trading at 185p.

Last year, Capital and Regional spent £50 million ac-

quiring properties and indicated it intended to continue to take advantage of a buyer's market. Since the Wood Green acquisition, borrowings have increased to E104 million and the rights issue — £l million of which will cover costs - will be used to improve the maturity profile of the company's debt and initially will reduce

net borrowings.

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The main issues in the fitigation, to which some of the scheme members are parties, concern the validity of the Trusts and alleged breaches of trust by the principal BCCI and ICIC Companies in particular in relation to a subvention payment of US\$150 million made in 1986. The proposed settlement is conditional on the Courts making Orders binding all scheme members to its terms whether or not they are parties to the litigation. Certain scheme members have been appointed by the Courts to represent the interests of all scheme members who are not themselves parties to the litigation.

As part of the proposed settlement, an appeal in the Luxembourg Courts brought by former BCCI employees, including members of the BCCI Campaign Committee, challenging the proposed agreement between the BCCI Liquidators and the Abu Dhabi Government has been withdrawn.

The principal terms of the proposed settlement are:

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City favours Albert Fisher move to shed loss-maker

By SARAH BAGNALL

ALBERT FISHER saw its shares edge higher yesterday in spite of news of a £42.8 million restructuring that pushed the food-processing and distribution group into the red in the six months to February 29.

The shares rose 2½p to 48½p. City analysts reacted favourably to the news of the restructuring, arguing it would unlock value for shareholders and ensure future earnings growth.

The exceptional charge turned a pre-tax profit of £12.6 million into a loss of £24 million. The charge covers the cost of withdrawal from its wholesale produce business in Germany, which has been lossmaking for the past two years.



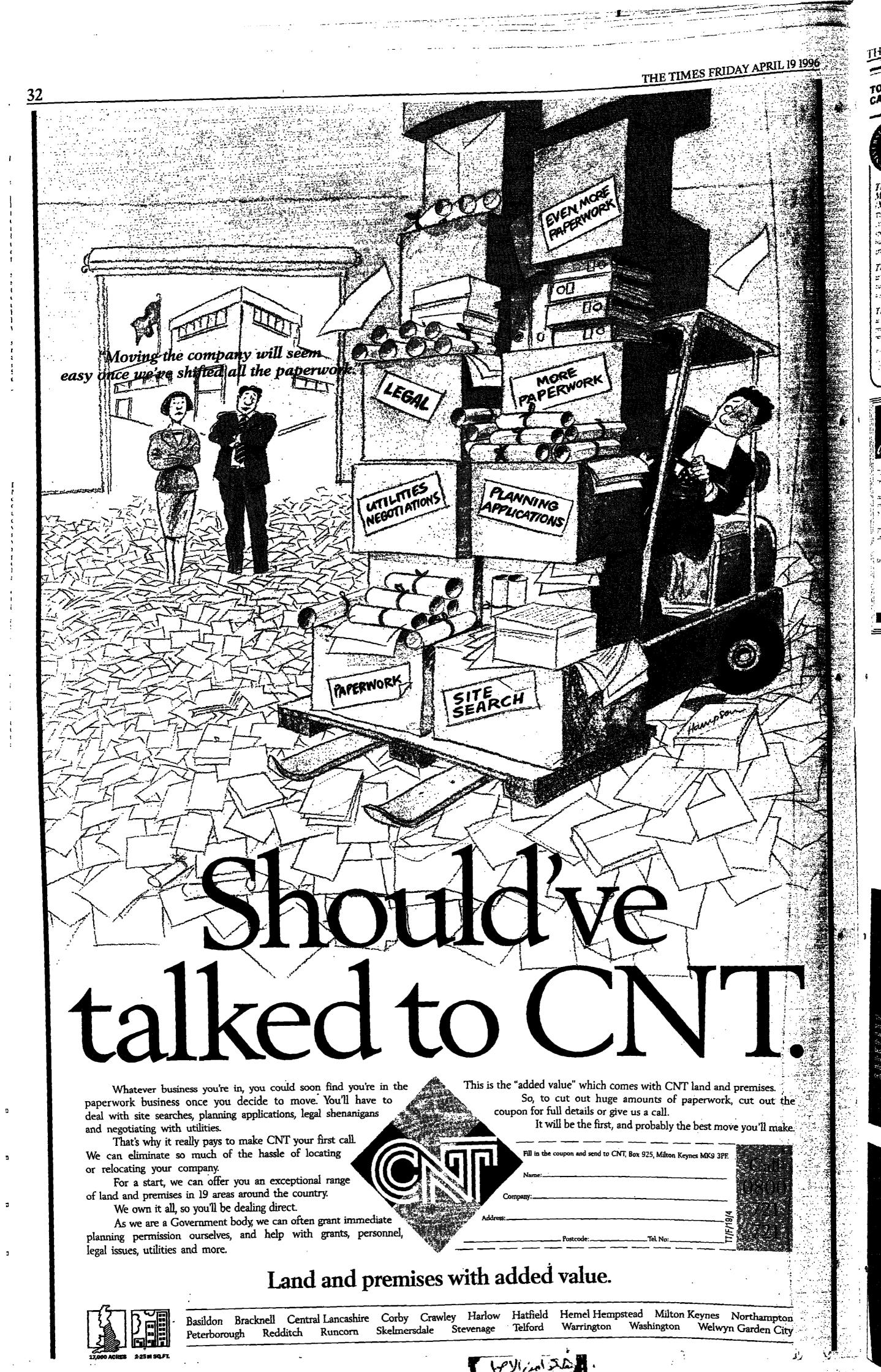
Stephen Walls: US talks

Stephen Walls, chairman, said the closure had been prompted by a structural change in the market, which had reduced food retailers' requirement for external disgroup was in talks to dispose of mosat of its US distribution business, which has an annual turnover of about £400 million. It is expected to be sold at a substantial premium to the net book value of about \$55 million. The underlying perfor-

mance of the group was welcomed by the City. The continuing operations lifted operating profits by 33 per cent to £27.8 million on sales ahead 15 per cent at £778 million. The group's European fresh produce. European food processing, seafood and North American produce devisions each managed to lift profits. The dividend, due July 10, is maintained at 1.85p. Underlying earnings per share fell from 1.93p to 1.87p.

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Business is on the move: David Crawford looks at the relocation industry and Craig Seton examines the economic regeneration of Britain

e want to export yashmaks - tra-ditional head-Middle East: let's make them in Greater Manchester. That was the thinking of Sutton Vale pic, a Saudi-owned company. It recognised what Andrew Fraser, chief executive of the Government's Invest in Britain Bureau, calls the "fundamental advantages" of the

UK as a location. Competitive land prices and a skilled workforce are key factors cited by manufacturers such as Sutton Vale. For the fast-expanding international call centres it is the indigenous telecoms infrastructure and language capabilities that count; while for international banking and other invisibles it is what Mr Fraser regards as the "stature" of the City as well as of Britain's financial, legal and other services.

With nearly 4,000 American companies, 1,000 from Germany, and more than 1,200 from France now sited in the UK and producing some 40 per cent of our exports and 24 per cent of net output. Britain is proving attractive to new inward investors from South-East Asian economies.

Taiwanese cathode-ray tube manufacturer Chunghwa Picture Tube's £260 million investment at Mossend in Strathelyde was won against strong competition from mainland Europe. It will create 3.300 jobs in a former steel area when completed in the year 2000 - more than any previous inward investment in UK history.

But looking after established investors is equally important, says Mr Fraser, He estimates that 60 per cent of future new investment will be from companies already operating in the UK or, just as significantly, their suppliers.

A prime example of this latter growth phenomenon is the decision in March by three Korean electrical engineering concerns, Poong Jeon, Fine Electromechanics and Sun Kwang Electromechanics, to set up in South Yorkshire's Dearne Valley Enterprise Zone, which was established last November. This is the first time so many companies from the same overseas country

Even one of the less obvious K regions for manufacturing

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investment, Devon and Cornwall, has recently succeeded in attracting some high-profile inward investors, including Finnish laboratory goods pro-ducer Biohit and New Yorkbased linear motion systems specialist Thomson Industries. Biohit first entered the UK

The billions of pounds

of inward investment

into England over the

past decade can largely be

attributed to an infrastruc-

ture of national, regional and

local agencies involved in

Craig Seton writes.

with a sales office in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in 1992 and will now export its pipettes direct from Paignton to Africa, the Middle East and the Indian sub-continent, as well as developing more local markets for its product. The geographical spread of

companies, the key choice is typically between national economies, with the precise regional location often a secondary consideration.

inward investments emphasi-

A key niche market, for example, is for call centres, Service, which has opened a customer-service telephone

centre in Nottingham as part which provide customer supof an £800 million European port in fields such as banking. software, travel and tourism. development programme. Among recent additions to the Domestic relocations, by UK's 5,000 companies offering contrast, are proving much telemarketing services is the Atlanta-based United Parcel

more location-specific. UK companies are reflecting what Jones Lang Wootton, who have monitored decentralisa-

be continuing uncertainty over the future competitiveness of both manufacturing and service industries". The post-recession reduc-

tion trends since 1979, expect to

tion in property cost differentials between London and the regions has reduced the need

to move long distances. More than 80 per cent of major moves out of Central London between 1995 and 1997 will involve relocating to other areas of Greater London and the South East, generally to purpose-designed accommolarger organisations.

by social policy considerations. the public sector lisation - often at the expense of fringe Central London districts such as Victoria and Southwark -with nearly three quarters of all its moves directed to locations outside

the South East. The South West has proved particularly popular, as it has with financial and professional services. The region scores because of its environmental attractions and accessibility to centres such as Swindon, Bristol and even Cardiff.

All this means more specialised work for the reloconsultants, whose trade body, the Association of Relocation Agents, marks its tenth anniversary in May, a sign of maturity for this relatively new business-support

Why multinationals feel at home in the country

economic regeneration, the £450 million multi-prod-uct complex in Cleveland, Teesside, by Korean firm Government-sponsored regional development organisations and the national Samsung Electronics, as well agencies - English Partneras in Ford's choice of Birmingham for the produc-tion of a new Jaguar X200 ships and the Commission for the New Towns - play model, and in the announcevital roles in attracting overseas investment to advantament by Siemens that North geous locations and, increas-Tyneside would be the site for a £1.1 billion microchip ingly, in the decisions by

foreign firms to reinvest in existing operations. plant employing 1,800. The English Partnerships' Working with urban devremit is to reclaim and develelopment corporations, local op vacant, derelict and authorities, government deunder-used sites for inward partments and others ininvestment, It acts as an volved in economic developenabler to forge public and ment, and backed by private-sector partnerships. incentive packages, they have reaped rich rewards. One of its key schemes is a nture with Kodak at Sher-

adjacent to the M1 in Nottinghamshire. The Commission for the

New Towns is responsible for disposing of the assets of the former development corporations in 21 English new towns. It owns and manages 16,000 acres of land for industrial and residential development and 6 million sq it of industrial and commercial premises, together worth £1.2 billion.

It owns some of the largest strategic development sites in England, including the 470-acre Omega site in Warrington, Cheshire. Its properportfolio in Telford, shire, the centre for more than 130 overseas Europe and the United

States own the majority of 1,300 overseas firms in the North West, with more recent arrivals from Japan and Taiwan. INWARD, the regional development organisation, and The Mersey Partnership, a marketing agency for the sub-region, are two of the main economic drivers in an industrialised region where firms such as Kodak, Siemens and Vauxhall have made significant reinvestment decisions.

also become a key factor for economic regeneration in the

record £1.25 billion of overseas money ploughed into the region in the last full year

Fujitsu Fulcrum Telecommunication's decision to stay in Birmingham on a new site at Arlington's Birmingham Business Park, and Jaguar's plans to expand its Castle Bromwich plant are crucial in a part of England where foreign investment has re-stored thousands of jobs lost in traditional industries.

As reinvestment becomes more common, there are moves to ensure it continues. The Northern Development Company for the North East, INWARD, the West Midlands Development Agency and others have created "aftercare" services to encourage expansion among inward investment companies. The Invest in Britain Bureau, the national Government-backed agency, is also helping reinvestment in the regions.

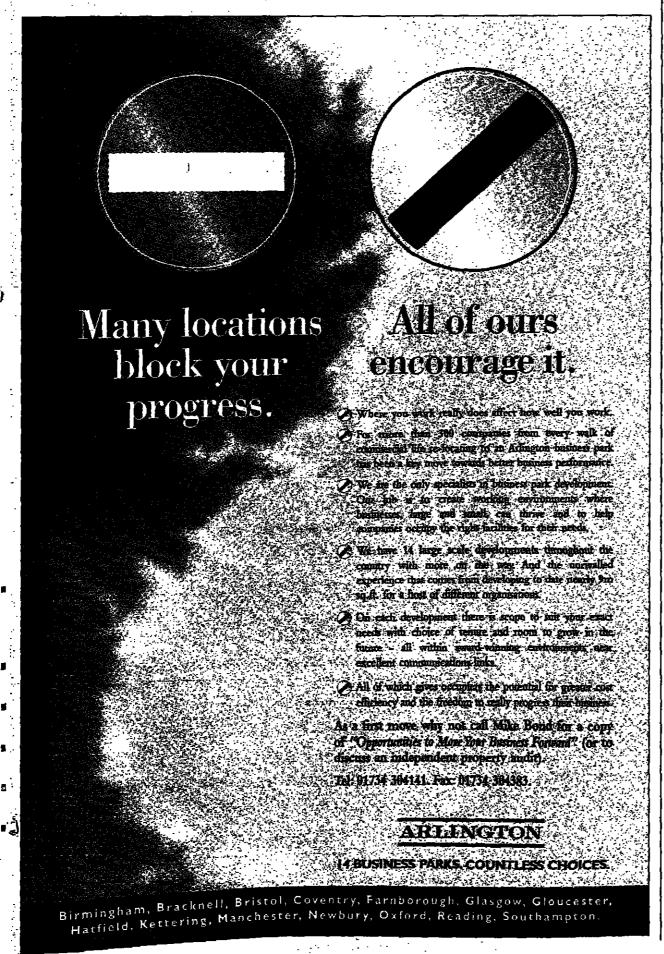
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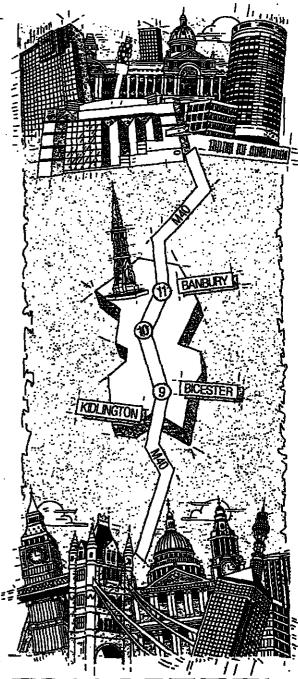
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Ten thousand new jobs were created in Wales in companies invested more than £500 million in the principality, Iola Smith writes. These figures are 50 per cent up on 1994-95, indicating that Wales is back in a dominant position in the relocation stakes.

This was the high point of the decade so far," says James Turner, head of Inward Investment at the Welsh Development Agency (WDA). "We made breakthroughs in new markets and saw many resident companies embarking on major expansions."

One of those new markets is Korea. In February Wales welcomed the Korean-owned company Halla which unveiled a E17 million investment that will create 300 new jobs in Merthyr Tydfil. The company will produce forklift trucks. mechanical diggers and other earthmoving equipment for the European market.

David Rowe-Beddoe, WDA chairman, says the investment is good news for Wales as a whole. "The company wants to source as many components as possible locally. That means there will be a substantial number of additional jobs created indirectly at companies which will supply the Merthyr plant.

The principality is currently being considered as a business location by Lucky Goldstar. the Korean electronics company. The firm is seeking to construct a semi-conductor

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plant in Europe, and if Wales wins the multi-million pound investment it will obtain 3,000 new jobs.

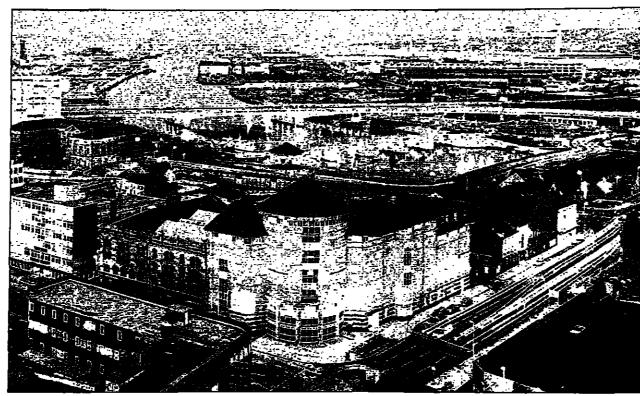
Europe's leading producer of silicon wafers is already in residence and last month the company, Waferfab of Newport, owned by the Hong Kong firm QPL International Holdings, launched a £230 million expansion programme

Microchip manufacturing equipment is also produced in Newport by the Japaneseowned Sumitomo Corporation. Back in February it announced a £5 million expan-

sion which will create 100 jobs. Earlier in the year Mid Wales welcomed its first direct Japanese investment. Plastics manufacturer Shimizu of Nagoya moved to Newtown to make automotive components. creating 45 jobs is a breakthrough for rural areas, which are now being increasingly recognised as viable locations for inward investors.

Companies from the rest of the UK, particularly in the financial services sector, are also relocating to Wales. South Wales's Financial Services Initiative intends to create 10,000 jobs by the millennium. Last month alone more than 500 jobs were announced as organisations as diverse as insurance companies and the Bank of England moved in.





Belfast at dusk: a £130 million job-boosting development is under way beside the River Lagan in the city centre

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change which quickened in Northern Ireland during the terrorist

ceasefire continues undaunted. Ronald Faux writes. The province is pushing ahead with schemes to create new jobs, a strong economy and an attractive environment as weapons against the threatened return to a so-called 'armed struggle".

A symbol of this absolute determination to achieve physical and economic renewal

historic divisions is the £130 million development under way beside the River Lagan in central Belfast.

Helped by funding from Europe, the 15 acres at Lagan are being transformed by the Laganside Corporation from being a home to the city's markets into a prestigious centre for commerce and

A £29 million waterfront concert half and conference centre seating 2,250 is scheduled to open next January. Adjoining it will be a £19million Hilton International hotel scheduled to open in the spring of 1998.

Barry Gilligan, chief executive of Ewart, the property investment and development company of which the Laganbank Development Company is a subsidiary, said: "We are very very positive about this project and will

continue to be so. A number of the commitments to Belfast vere made by companies long before the ceasefire and significant interest has been expressed in the past six to 12 months. We do not see that there is a problem."

The construction of the £14million Lagan Weir sealed a permanent stretch of waterway beside the city centre in place of the mudbanks and river that alternated with the tide. Riverside walkways are now designed to stretch from the Belfast harbour area to the Lagan Valley regional park. The impact of improvement is already attracting fresh inward investment

ondon United - the London First Centre's Inew umbrella initiative - aims to take advantage of the capital's increasingly diversifying local economies.

David Crawford writes. Martyn Lewis, LFC director of London Business Services. says: "The better local areas are organised to receive inward investment, and to recognise investors' needs, the better London as a whole will perform in the international

London United aims to coordinate the efforts of the capital's "stakeholders" -- the boroughs, chambers of commerce and training and enterprise councils, the DTI's new Business Link and successful ventures such as the Hounslow Initiative and the Park Royal Partnership.

When Lloyd's Register of Shipping looked like relocating out of the City, LFC brought in the City Corporation to negotiate a development deal under which LRS is building a new 260,000 sq ft HQ in Fenchurch Street, safe-

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guarding 1,200 existing jobs

and creating 400 new ones.
Of the 33 companies the London First Centre has relocated to the capital since its establishment in April 1994. eight have gone to the western wedge along the strategic corridor between the Docklands/City/West End core and Heathrow airport.

The most significant investment to date is by the Korean conglomerate Samsung. which is abandoning Frankfurt to build a 100,000 sq ft European HQ and staff training complex on a nine-acre site on the Great West Road in Hounslow and will employ at least 500 people when this is completed in 2000.

Another welcome boost has come from the opening in January of Delta Airlines new £20 million European Reservation Sales Centre at Park Royal, London's largest business park with more than 17 million sq ft of commercial space on 1,500 acres.

SCOTLAND

cotland has long had an inward investment org-anisation which other regions of the UK have reason to envy. Last year it attracted £1.127 billion and helped to create or safeguard a record 12,329 jobs. Ronald Faux

Heading the list of 97 projects was the £260-million Chunghwa Picture Tubes plant at Mossend, Lanarkshire, which will bring work for 3,300 and represents the biggest single inward investment project in UK history coming to a community devastated by the closure of the

Ravenscraig steel works. George Kynoch, Scottish Office industry minister, said the scale and significance of the plant, which would serve the whole European market, were such that it would bring major benefits not just to Lanarkshire but the Scottish and UK

Securing the Taiwanese company was a major success for Locate in Scotland (LIS). operated jointly between the Scottish Office and Scottish Enterprise, to market Scotland abroad. It has led Scotland away from the labour-intensive heavy industry that made Clydeside the workshop of the Empire into a strong position as a European springboard for the new technologies of the

second industrial revolution. Further investments, not handled by LIS, accounted for a further 33 projects involving 2,738 jobs safeguarded or created. For example, Shin-Etsu Handotai Europe, the world's largest producer of silicon wafers, announced a £160 million investment programme in Livingston, West Lothian; Lexmark International of Lexington, Kentucky. chose Rosyth for a £26 million facility to manufacture ink cartridges for computer printers, and expansion of the Motorola plant near Bathgate, making cellular telephones, will create a further 500 jobs.



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Out with steel, In with freight

Corby's new Eurohub terminal is well placed to exploit the Channel Tunnel, reports Craig Seton

bold new dimension has been added to the growing diversity of Corby's economic base with the opening of Eurohub, a 300-acre international road and rail freight delivery, distribution and collection complex with direct railway connections to the Channel Tunnel.

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The new centre occupies the former steelworks site in the Northamptonshire town. The site was closed in 1979 by British Steel, and the massive job losses that ensued inspired a home-spun campaign of industrial rejuvenation. This has attracted 750 companies and about £1.1 billion of private sector investment, created 14,000 jobs and restored Corby as a powerful economic base. Eurohub is the latest product of the strategy.

The first of the terminal's new occupants, Gefco UK, a specialist distribution company within the PSA Peugeot Citroen Group, has started importing cars through the Channel Tunnel and officially opens its facility today. Autolink, a joint venture between the vehicle distribution and logistics companies, Walon UK and French-owned STVA, is soon to begin.

Eurohub took seven years to plan and prepare, and has involved a parmership between Carby barough council, King's Park Developments of Solihull, and British Steel, which retains a tube-making operation in the town. An estimated 2,000 jobs could be novative ways to create new

supported once the complex is fully occupied.

Europub was designed to capitalise on the vast tract of brownfield land left from steelmaking, together with its array of rail sidings and a spur line, which is still in use by British Steel, to the connection to the Channel Tunnel. Another key advantage is the town's central location between the MI motorway and Al arterial route. These are intersected by the new Al4 east-west carriageway near

'Our depth of crisis meant radical measures were needed'

About 150 acres of land on the site are still available for further development. Hopes are high that large manufacturers may be attracted by the proximity of the dedicated distribution facilities, according to John Hill, Corby's director of industry and head of the council-funded Industrial Development Centre that was set up in the 1980s to halt the progress of the town's

economic decline. Mr Hill says that once the steelworks - Corby's largest employer - had gone, the town immediately sought injobs in a diverse range of industrial and commercial sectors. "It was the depth of the crisis Corby faced that made people decide that really radical measures were needed."

The main aim was to attract inward investors and, once they had arrived, to belo them to grow. The campaign has to date achieved remarkable rebegan operations in the 1980s are now in their second, third and even fourth stages of

Mr Hill points out that while Corby continues to operate a simplified planning regime to ease the progress of new developments, the success of its revival over the years has meant the loss of other grants and aid packages that were previously available through having assisted-area and enlerprise-zone status.

The town now has to go it alone in the important phase of economic development that Eurohub represents. The target is to help Corby to grow by 20 per cent in new jobs, population and social provision by the year 2006.

Mr Hill says that Corby has created for itself an "ethos of development", and describes Eurohub as an important indicator to potential inward investors that Corby can produce fresh ideas for economic development. "We are providing something now that is an extra dimension to the Corby economy, something that sets



From brownfield site to European transport hub. Corby has capitalised on its assets





On the right track for the Continent

port-export car-carrying services begin through the Channel Tunnel today, and they are headed for Corby, writes Craig Seton. A 62-acre regional distribu-

tion centre being officially opened today on Corby's Eurohub site by Gelco UK will act as a railhead to import Peugeot and Citroen cars into the Midlands via the tunnel.

The opening of the £12.5 million facility marks the start of scheduled services through the tunnel by car-carrying trains. These will be up to 24 wagons long and will access Gelco's site through a rail link from Corby to the main London to East Midlands railway line.

Gefco has space to store up to 10,000 cars. Vehicles are logged on to a computerised stock-management system and, after pre-inspection, they are sent out by transporters for delivery to dealerships in the

New marshalling yards at the facility are the first private tracks to be added to the stock of Railtrack, which has also provided dedicated signalling for the Eurohub development. Gesco eventually plans to use the centre for exporting to the Continent Peugeot cars

Jacques Pietrzak, manager of Gefco UK's automotive logistics division, says: "Our Corby facility is an essential element in the overall vehicle storage and distribution strategy we are developing for the Peugeot Motor Company and Citroën UK."

made in Coventry.

A second large railhead terminal for vehicle distribution at Eurohub is the result of

UK and STVA of France, a vehicle logistics group closely linked with SNCF, the French national railway company. The 43-acre site has space for up to 10,000 vehicles and other land available for expansion.

Autolink, the joint-venture company, plans to construct a purpose-built centre for the pre-delivery inspection and preparation of vehicles ready for dealers' forecourts. Due to start operations soon, the computerised terminal will use the Channel Tunnel rail link to import and export cars.

Walon is part of the Frenchowned Walon Group, which operates in ten countries as an automotive distribution and logistics company with a fleet of 1,800 transporters.

In a pilot operation in February, a train arrived at the site via the Channel Tunnel carrying 180 cars direct from the Fiat factory in Turin, northern Italy. The journey. which took 36 hours, usually takes up to seven days by sea.

Walon is negotiating with several large European car manufacturers with a view to them using the Corby site for vehicle deliveries throughout the UK. Tim Barber, Walon's UK commercial director, says: "Autolink is ideal for exporting or importing on a just-intime basis, in line with the pan-European logistics strategies of car manufacturers."

Wincanton Distribution, a subsidiary of Unigate, is investing £16 million in facilities at Eurohub, including a 250,000 sq ft complex for the distribution of pet foods to the national and international markets under a contract with

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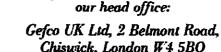
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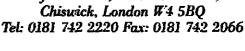
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THEATRE 1 Peter Whelan takes

a staunchly republican view of the Royal Family in his new Divine Right



THEATRE 2

A harsh look into a bleak beyond: Beckett's Endgame is superbly staged at the Donmar





MUSIC I

Trevor Pinnock directs a delightful performance of Handel's Acis and Galatea



MUSIC 2

... while Odaline de la Martinez conducts works by Birtwistle and other moderns on the South Bank

THEATRE: Richard Morrison talks to Peter Whelan about his new 'end of the House of Windsor' play. Plus reviews

One of our monarchs is missing...

lovian tendency has already obliged the Liheatre's publicists by declaring the whole thing "shocking". So perhaps it is not entirely inconceivable that an anti-royalist play in the Birmingham Rep will rock the Establishment sufficiently to provoke repressive measures.

In which case, the Editor of The Times could be among those locked up in the Tower for abetting an act of treason. Three years ago, this news-paper collaborated with the reform group Charter 38 to mount a debate on the future of the monarchy. Among the audience was Bill Alexander. director of the Birmingham Rep. So stimulated was he by the clash of opinions that when his friend, the dramatist Peter Whelan, asked him to suggest a subject for a new play, he answered: "Write about the end of the monarchy and beginning of a republic."
Whelan did. Tonight the

curtain rises on what, to royalists, might seem like an opus horribilis. It is a what if" drama called Divine Right. Set four years from now, it imagines the Prince of Wales, about to remarry, renouncing his claim on the throne. His 18year-old son, faced with the sudden imminence of kingship, is jolted into realising that he knows nothing about ordinary people. So he shakes off his police minder and proceeds to do a pale imitation of Henry V on the eve of Agincourt, or at least Stephen Fry in a huff. In disguise he slips away from the glare of public life, and mingles with

the common throng. "He wants to get among the people who have nothing. because he can't understand why they would want the monarchy to continue." Whelan says. "His concern is whether he should accept the succession - and if so, whether he should become political. He can hardly bear the thought of being emasculated and unable to do anything useful, like Edward VIII going round the coalmines saying something must be done"." For an Old Etonian, Whelan's Prince does seem unusually beset by self-doubt. However, he meets at least two ardent royalists. They turn out

to be racist thugs. The Prince's voyage of dis-covery is, says Whelan, one track of a twin-track play". Back in Westminster, now



6The Royal Family has contravened middle-class instincts?

ruled by Labour, a republican bandwagon gathers momen-tum. By the final curtain, the House of Windsor has ...

well, the ending is secret, but

PETER WHELAN

you may speculate. Whelan is by no means the first writer to weave a little entertaining "faction" round the extraordinary recent history of the Royal Family. Alan Bennett's A Question of Attribution imagined the Queen engaging her traitorous Keeper of Pictures, Anthony Blunt, in icy. double-edged dialogue. Sue Townsend's The Oueen and I depicted a Royal Family exiled to a Midlands housing estate by a republican government. Michael Dobbs's To Play the King, which unfolded on television like an uncanny parallel world, showed a wellmeaning but dithering future king being marginalised by an

unscrupulous Prime Minister. But all of these were essen-tially brilliant satires. Whelan's play is a more serious-minded attempt to dramatise the monarchy debate. As a playwright, this excursion into the future tense - or perhaps the tense future

- will mark out new territory for him: he is best known for marvellously lucid historical plays. But as a passionate republican he has been rehearsing the arguments expressed in Divine Right all his life. And his play is focused on these issues, not on the tackiness of recent revelations. "If I did the latter I would be

going over ground covered already by others. Anyway, because I set the play four years hence, I was anxious to keep the Fergies and Dianas out of it. In four years' time, I hope, people will be saying

audiences who come expecting a Spitting Image-style lampoon be disappointed by the sobriety of it all? That is a danger. But to sit in front of Spitting Image for two hours cians suspect, probably rightwould be very hard going. I ly, that if you changed the had to construct a proper monarchy debate. I didn't want to make Aunt Sallies out of people who believe fervently in the monarchy.

For instance, I thought very hard about how I could make a reasonable case for the hereditary principle. Then I realised that it was staring me in the face: you can be thoroughly opposed to the hereditary principle; yet, when you leave your house to your kids, that's the principle in action."

Nevertheless, Whelan does believe that recent shenanigans have fuelled the republican cause. "The bad behaviour of individuals has led people to question the institution. And the interesting thing is that the criticism is not coming from people on the Left. The Royal Family has contravened the most primal instincts of the middle classes. Indeed, the clearest repub-

lican voice has been in The Economist, when it declared the monarchy to be anti-democratic, anti-meritocratic and anti-capitalist. In the old days, monarchs got away with appalling behaviour because of Divine Right. The trouble is

THERE could hardly be a more cruel

contrast than that between the 18th-

century country home of Canons for

which Handel wrote his Acis and

Galatea and the concrete wastes of the

South Bank where it was performed on

Wednesday. But this was a performance

to cherish all year long.

Trevor Pinnock achieved a near-perfect, living balance between the keen

imaginative visualisations of each pass-

ing image and the breathing of the long.

evolving melody which carries them. The English Concert orchestra and chorus

were joined by four soloists who seemed

lover-turned-river, found their true meta-

morphoses in the voices of Hans Peter

Acis and Galatea, sea-nymph and

the floor facing

her, reading

from right to

left in order to

parallel her

movements.

demanded from the oboist,

Birtwistle's La plage, enig-

matically replicates the struc-

ture of a Robbe-Grillet story

by alternating eight instru-

mental "arias" with seven

epigrammatic utterances by

the solo soprano. Andrew

and Maxwell provided that.

in perfect accord with the work.

that nobody believes in Divine Right any more."
Which brings us back to

Divine Right. Is all this fanciful political theorising a proper subject for a play? Whelan clearly believes it is, if only because both main parties appear to have a tacit agreement not to make "an issue" out of the monarchy. "Politipresident, say - it could only lead to a reduction in their powers. Their interest is to have a totally weakened monarchy." Which, of course. makes it easier for ministers to use (or, as Whelan would claim, misuse) the "royal prerogative" without adequate checks. There is no strong power, independent of Parliament, to investigate the things revival is to believe him. that go badly wrong in Parlia-

ment itself." All these arguments are aired in the play. But inevita-bly it will be the titillation factor of seeing royals portraved in distress that will keep the Birmingham Rep turnstiles clicking merrily next week. Whelan, meanwhile, would be happy enough to see his drama turn into a crisis but not just yet. "We knew we ought to hurry up and stage the work, especially after the Princess's Panorama," he says cheerfully. "Otherwise we might have found ourselves in a republic already."

to accept. Divine Right is in preview from tonight at the Birmingham Rep (0121-236 4455), and opens on

All's well that ends ill

f you had looked behind the pocked and pitted scarp that was the late Samuel Beckett's face, you might have found something like the room Rae Smith has designed for his Endgame: black walls, one yellowy window, one whitish window, thin grey light that darkens as unrolls, and two streaked dustbins that turn out to contain the antique parents of blind Hamm, who sits in a shabby armchair. presiding over the murk like a derelict Pluto over a rundown section of Hades. "I shall always be depressed," Beckett once said; and to see Katie Mitchell's grimly humorous

What does Endgame mean? If you are tempted to give a confident answer, you should note a typically sardonic exchange between Alun Armstrong's Hamm and his slave Clov, here a painfully loping hunchback played by Stephen Dillane. "We're not beginning to mean something?" "Mean something, you and 1? Ah, that's a good one." Signifi-cance for Beckett's characters tends to be their own insignificance, meaning is a lack of meaning that, if they do not wish to add to their existing torments, they would do well

Still, Beckett did tell the Hamm in a German revival of Endgame he himself directEndgame Donmar

chess game lost from the start. Now at the end he makes a few loud, senseless moves as only a bad player would. A uld have given up long ago. He is only trying to delay the inevitable end." In other words, he cannot see that death and oblivion are better options than struggle and pain. As Beckett also said. Hamm's folly is that he persists in "saying 'no' to nothingness".

Cheerful stuff, eh? The play certainly harsher than Waiting for Godot, whose characters display a certain resilience as they mooch about counting their unhatched chickens. Yet isn't there a certain exhibaration in the company of a dramatist not only unafraid of looking into the void but actually ready to welcome it? Certainly, I found a possibly masochistic pleasure in watching Armstrong's king, isolated on the chessboard of life, blunder his way towards recognising that surrender is his only dignified recourse.

Armstrong comes with a white-greenish face, stubble on the chin, a vile black overcoat, and a grinding northern accent. The impression he gives is of some ed that he was "a king in a tyrannical, grasping old mill-

thing to the bailiffs except a few pathetic oddments: a dirty handkerchief, the long pole with which he ineptly tries to punt his chair, the ludicrous stuffed toy he pretends is his adoring pet dog. He rasps, · sneers and snaps as his mood swings from anger to self-pity to a scorn that embraces his family, the world, a God who cannot be bothered so much as to exist, and himself.

illane, limping about in a caretaker's brown coat, makes a rather muted, reficent Clov. although his outbursts of indignation are the more forceful for being few. There are also striking performances from inside the parental dustbins. Eileen Nicholas's Nell mostly goes in for stricken bewilderment: Harry Jones's Nagg, armed with a long red nose that juts over his home's rim, comes across as a jauntily decrepit blend of Rumpelstiltskin and Mr Punch.

Between Hamm and Clov there is little but bitterness, but between these two pieces of decaying human debris there is an affection, curiously touching in its way. Love, you feel, does vestigially exist. Maybe there is a chink in Endgame's pessimism after

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

In an unholy trinity

THIS is the third play by Franz Xaver Kroetz to be shown in the Haymarket Studio, and I do not know that any other British company is producing him at all. Since 1970 he has written more than

30 plays. His first experience of popular success came in 1978 with this steady-eyed study of the Meier family: husband, wife and teenage son Ludwig. Among the reasons for this may have been that its conclusion appears to be at least twothirds hopeful. Mother and son are reaching towards ful-filment and, if our last sight of Otto Meier is of a man with his despairing head sunk on the kitchen table, his wife has uttered the line that marks out what he must do: learn to take care of himself.

> Mensch Meier Leicester

In the context of the play. and this is 1978, the solution for Ludwig and Martha is a job. Many of the play's opening scenes have Otto contemp-tuously dismissing his son as workshy. "You're never going to amount to anything," he snarls. In fact, the boy wants to start work as a bricklayer, which eventually he does, but his parents berate him for failing to climb the next rung in the workforce ladder. Otto has never amounted to more than a pair of hands on an assembly line.

Martha swaps her fatuous house-cleaning for work in a department store - but wait. describes this as a horing job. And will Ludwig have become his father in another 20 years? Kroetz's play is not as simple as some of its apparent exhortations suggest and, in Otto's frenzied mimickry of his job, he presents himself first as an extension of the machinery — his wife assumes he has gone mad — then as no more than a human screwdriver. He gasps in a life choked with emptiness.

On Simon Frearson's wide set, unadorned except for a Jimi Hendrix poster in Ludwig's room, Marlow's shrewd direction conveys the family alienation by the looks in the characters' eves as clearly as in the lines they speak. She hints at the shades of the prison-house by encouraging Paul Hamilion and Sadie Shimmin to use a drier tone than young Daniel Brocklebank.

Only in Otto's existential rages and their opposite, rapturously flying model aircraft. can he reach a truer self. The cast's skill at creating a prickly family trinity is outstanding.

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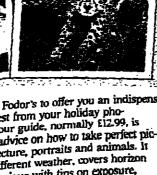
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IN THE second event in the South Bank's Harrison Birtwistle Retrospective, Odaline de la Martinez's ensemble, Lontano, presented music by three generations of composers. Works by Birtwistle were juxtaposed with compositions by Silvina Milstein and Robert Keeley, two lecturers at King's College, London, and short pieces by their students.

For Birtwistle's Pulse Sampler, an austere essay in the interaction of pulse and melody for solo oboe and claves. Melinda Maxwell, the oboist for whom the work was written, moved between four music stands, while Simon

Acis and Galatea Queen Elizabeth Hall

Blochwitz and Barbara Bonney. Inextricable from the oboe's billing and cooing in As when the dove, or mellifluously heralding Mozart in Heart, the seat of soft delight, Bonney's soprano never ceased to be just that. Blochwitz revelled in Handel's supple

setting of Dryden's wonderfully spare yet varied prosody. His ornamenting in the final return of Where shall I seek the charming fair? led the line up hill and down dale, and his Love sounds th'alarm was cunningly restrained in tempo so as to sharpen its rhythmic edge. Jeremy

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Virtually non-stop virtuosity is text fragments sotto voce.

the attenuated

lines on three

clarinets, while

Sarah Leonard

Milstein's engrossing

Psalm Concerning the Castle

uses a scarcely more accessi-

ble text to poem by Denise

Levertov), unashamediy defy-

ing intelligibility further by

stretching out the opening

lines in perpetual melisma.

Leonard negotiated this with

White's Polyphemus could have been more volcanic, but his accomplished bass chose to enjoy his bumbling folly rather than erupt in violence. As Damon, Rufus Müller was as honey-tongued in flattery

as his accompanying oboe. It is a long time since the QEH has heard such an eloquent silence as that which followed the chorus Mourn, all ye muses. At Acis's death, all creation seemed to weep with the hushed, tapering phrases shaped by Pinnock's fingertips Here, and in the orchestral Larghetto prelude to Act II, with a pair of theorbos stroking its dotted rhythms and shifting metres into submission, the unique beauty of this performance was revealed.

HILARY FINCH

Problematic as the scheme of Birtwistle's Entractes and Sapphic Fragments is - an unhappy conflation of two separate works - it has an integrity of sorts, as revealed by Leonard's atmospheric performance with Lontano. The sharp, bright colours and bird calls of Robert Keeley's Quetzalli inevitably evoked crooned the Messiaen - and were none

the worse for that. Of the student works, I most enjoyed Ross Lorraine's Meios, with its long-breathed melody gradually coalescing from fragments.

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NEARLY GOD Nearly God (Durban Poison/Fourth &

Broadway/Island) THE new Tricky album in all but name, Nearly God was recorded a year ago, at which point Tricky himself was certainly under the impression it would be his next bona fide release. It is a collection of mood music so dark and unfathomable that the marketing department of his record company are not the only ones likely to find it a headache.

By presenting the album as an extracurricular "project" under the Nearly God pseudonym, rather than as a followup to his extraordinary and compelling debut, Maxinquave, wiser heads have at least ensured that the burden of expectation is reduced. But the new album is still beset by a numbing sense of ennul that even the faithful will find hard

Despite contributions from a host of guest singers including Björk and Alison Moyet, it Tricky's muffled croak which dominates the album. Numbers such as Keep Your Mouth Shut and Tattoo marry minimalist snippets of instrumentation and slow. clanking bass and percussion loops to vocal performances submerged beneath a ton of echoev studio effects. Despite some bold ideas, and a sexy blast from Nench Cherry on the bluesy Together Now, mystery quickly gives way to monotony more often than

Nearly God may be hailed as a bleak and "difficult" masterpiece in more impressionable quarters. But do not blame me if you find it gathering dust at the back of a shelf in six months' time.

MARK MORRISON Return of the Mack

WITH his bald head, black

Sounding like the muchmissed Larry Blackmon of Cameo on purposeful swingbeat-funk tracks such as Cruzy and the slower, more sensitive groove of I Really Love You. Morrison performs with panache and stakes a convincing claim to the Brit-soul crown who is the current holder. incidentally?). Subtlety, however, is not the man's strong suit, and the forthright lyrics to numbers such as Moan and Gruan, Let's Get Down and, er, Horny tend towards the indelicate.

THE MACHINE Evil Empire

(Epic 481026)

(WEA 0630-14586)

leathers and hawser-thick gold chain. Mark Morrison looks every inch a modern soul superstar cast in the R Kelly mould. The only kink in the image — apart from the handcuffs he is brandishing suggestively on the cover of Return of the Mack - is that he comes not from the Bronx but from Leicester.

RAGE AGAINST

DELICACY is not even in the lexicon as far as politico-rapmetal combo Rage Against The Machine are concerned. "The rotten sore on the face of Mother Earth gets bigger. Zack De La Rocha yells in the same apoplectic pitch of voice that he applies to every track on Evil Empire. As on their debut, the object of all this rage is America, a place which these Californian rich kids continue to portray as a seeth-

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In too deep: Tricky won a legion of devoted admirers with Maxinquaye, but his latest album full of dense, atmospheric tracks will have them reaching for the aspirin bottle

SCHEER

ing hell-on-earth, and getting

Oddly, or perhaps not, their ultra-extremust mantiesto is linked to the most reactionary of musical impulses. Although substantially goosed up and given a funky tweak, the earth-moving riffs of Tire Me and Revolver are little different from the sort of protoype heavy-metal chops that Robin Trower and Black Sabbath

used to deploy in the 1960s. The sound is awesome but the po-faced, one-dimensional stance quickly becomes tiresome. They should get like the Beastie Boys and think of

Fairweather Johnson (Allantic 1501-82880)

MODEST. unpretentious, hard-working and steeped in the traditional values of American soft rock - it does not take a genius to figure out why Hootie & the Blowfish failed to set fire to a British market besotted with the rowdy antics of the Oasis-Blur axis. In America, of course, Hootie & the Blowfish are a raging phenomenon that makes the whole Britpop phenomenon seem like a drop across the

follow-up to their 13-millionselling album Cracked Rear View, is another confident, easy-going collection of adult rock tunes that combine rootsy touches of accordion and man-

dolin with a stanle guitar, barband sound. Darius Rucker's voice has a gruffer, more soulful edge to it than before, calling to mind the bluesy tone of Gregg Allman on Be The One and Honevscrew. ີໄດຂກ⊺t explain what it is

that I believe in," he sings on the latter, a line which illuminates the rather limp emotional core of this pleasant but undemanding album.

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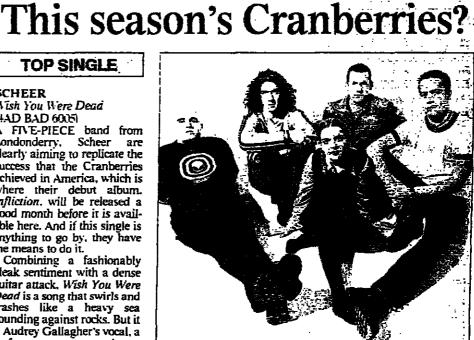
TOP SINGLE

Wish You Were Dead (4AD BAD 6005) A FIVE-PIECE band from Londonderry, Scheer are clearly aiming to replicate the success that the Cranberries achieved in America, which is where their debut album. Infliction, will be released a good month before it is avail-

able here. And if this single is

anything to go by, they have the means to do it. Combining a fashionably bleak sentiment with a dense guitar attack. Wish You Were Dead is a song that swirls and crashes like a heavy sea pounding against rocks. But it is Audrey Gallagher's vocal, a performance strong and sen-sual enough to make a grown man swoon, that clinches the

The three B-sides, including a slick but rampaging guitar



Scheer - first stop America, and only then Britain

The Nelson touch

JAZZ ALBUMS: A Fifties star adds

her Nineties voice to arrangements

and a radically slowed-down version of Blondie's Hanging

ROSEMARY CLOONEY

WHILE her actor son,

George, sets female pulses

racing all over the country in

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ER, Rosemary Clooney's ex-

traordinary indian summer

shows no sign of abating.

Dedicated to Nelson (Concord CCD-4685)

instrumental called Cannon on the Telephone, add further dimensions to a dark and powerful story.

Section 1

POP AND JAZZ CONCERTS

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No way to treat a satellite

IN 1992 Tasmin Archer's career was launched with a No l single, Sleeping Satellite, followed by Great Expectations, a debut album that spent nine months in the charts, and a Brit Award.

Gangsta's Paradis

After a long absence, Archer, has re-emerged with the admirably mature album. Bloom. But despite positive reviews, the record has misfired badly in commercial terms. It is as if the novelty has worn off, and as she took the stage again at this downbeat, less than sold out London show, she must have wondered where every-

Tasmin Archer Bloomsbury, WC1

Playing with five men of sober attire and demeanour, including Pete Thomas of the Attractions on drums, Archer was unable to shake much reaction from a stiff-limbed audience. Good as her performance was, potent as her songs can be, the reception was fuzzy, the atmosphere uncharged, not helped by Archer's curious garb, a short, buttoned-up jacket over an

dress that made her look like a cricket umpire loaded with the iumpers of the whole XI.

She chose to revive just three songs from the first album, among them a still rousing In Your Care and a robust performance of the chart topper that has become her double-edged sword. But splendid new songs such as After Hell and Give In With Grace are simply too distinguished for the discount bin. Archer deserves a better fate than commercial slings and

PAUL SEXTON

The dedicatee on her big band outing - as if you needed to be told - is the late Nelson Riddle, arranger and

orchestrator par excellence. Forty years ago, in the days when she was a regular fixture in the pop charts, Clooney had a television show of her own, for which Riddle supplied the

In what amounts to a remarkable feat of musical archaeology, the singer's longserving musical director John Oddo has exhumed tapes of the show, transcribed the original arrangements and refurbished them with solo

passages.
The Riddle imprint is immediately apparent on A Foggy Day, in the deft voicings for the reeds and the subtle figures that embellish the vocals. As Time Goes By receives similarly urbane treatment, Riddle finding infinite varia-

buried for years – and it works tions on the theme. Clooney, of course, is no longer the pristine songbird of old, which is exactly what has made her comeback albums so rewarding. The voice -- crumpled and lived in and a little rough around the edges - touches new depths in almost every

RANDY WESTON

Saga (Verve 529237) THE more disciplined dimension of Randy Weston's multicultural art was on display in the 1993 mini-big band set Volcano Blues, on which Melba Liston provided the orches-

tral framework. Saga proves to be altogether a more freewheeling affair. with Weston encouraging his septet, Mingus-like, to add their own spontaneous

contributions. No one should be surprised then, if the results are more uneven, but the presence of the tenor player Benny Harper, altoist Talib Kibwe and, especially, the exuberant drummer Billy Higgins makes this an exhibit aning seat of the panes

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Take her home, James

Margarita Pracatan Queen Elizabeth Hall

THERE are people who adore Julian Clary. grown-ups who laugh at The Big Breakfast. couch potatoes who find Clive James devastatingly witty. Clive Davis writes. All of this I can just about forgive. What is truly beyond comprehension is the cult of Margarita Pracatan, the part-time Cuban "singer plucked from the well-deserved obscurity of New York's public access cable channels.

Discovered by a researcher on James's BBC

show, this gaudily attired extrovert has become a fixture on the programme, shrieking her way through pop songs while beating a Yamaha keyboard into submission. Back home she sells men's underwear in Saks Fifth Avenue. Here she is treated as a sub-Edna Everage superstar. James himself, cranking up his laborious one-liners, was on hand to introduce her. Pink

feather boas were dotted around the auditorium; the stage decor resembled a giant version of Carmen Miranda's headwear. The audience was determined to wallow in kitsch and camp. But as an exercise in post-modernist irony, Pracatan is not much of a cultural-studies icon. Her caterwauling, her extravagant accent, her

fumbling with the programmed backing track on her keyboard - these are mildly amusing for all of four minutes. She starts a regional tour next month: a live album is already available. The woman seems likely to be with us for some time yet. A dreary

prospect? You bet your sweet potatoes, honey.



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POP 5

It's hip to vote. The great American campaign arrives in Britain, with the full backing of rock's aristocracy



■ CHOICE 1

Rostropovich leads the cheers for Menuhin's 80th birthday VENUE: Tornorrow at



CHOICE 2

Yuri Bashmet brings his Moscow Soloists to Britain

VENUE: Tomorrow at

the Barbican



A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Gillian Maxey

■ CHOICE 3

Gluck gets the period-instrument treatment in Bristol

VENUE: Tonight at St George's, Brandon Hill

and a striking symphony by Kočeluch completes the programme St George's, Brandon Hill (0117 923 0359) Torughi, 7 30pm (§)

HOVE. A unque opportunity to see pontings from Boustin to Duty, on loan from the Museo dee Beaux Arts in Le Havre, including choice works by Monet, Passaro and Sicky. It opens here today before going on four to Southampton, Shetheld and Wishermampton, Museum and Art Gallery. New Church Road, BN3 (01273). Tues-Fin 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4. 30pm, Sun 2-5pm Unit June 2. §

X and drugs and rock'n' roll. Voting is cool . . . and you get the chance to change the world

Politics? Join the party

politics aren't cool. There is no release, no beauty, no mystery about these things - just grim, worrying drudgery as you start to work out where you stand on varioos issues, and why you stand where you do on various issues. It's like housework -thankiess little tasks that don't seem to be as hugely important to your development as a homan being as, say, writing a super-glory novel or firebright poetry would be. But one of the principal tenets of the super-sorted Shinto Buddhists is that God is in housework -- that as you wash dishes and pair off socks, you also attend to the disorder in your mind; and those whose homes are a temple to mess have weak and tangled minds.

And so it is with politics - a once or twice-yearly trudge to the voting booth that appears to offer no reward, but in reality allows you just a little time to steer yourself and the world in the right direction. Lazy anarchists who spend politing day in front of Newsnight giggling, under the illusion that being apolitical divorces you from the herd, have got it all wrong. To be apolitical is to be political - to gnore your right to vote is to allow those who do vote to dictate the political climate, and directly affect your life and

your rights. Forty-three per cent of people under 25 didn't vote in the last election — that's 2.8 million votes. A combination of electoral roll-dodging after the poll-tax debacle, disaffection with mainstream politics, and time-consuming worrying about Primal Scream's followup to Screamadelica meant that the result of the 1992 elections was generally dictated by older, more dutiful generations.



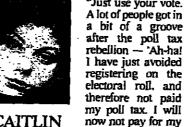
Mobilising the masses: Martin Rossiter of Gene and comedian Eddie Izzard want you to swell their postbag

it was a different story: there the Rock the Vote organisation, led by Pearl Jam, REM, Madonna and Nirvana, encouraged more than four million young Americans to register for their vote - something which the Clinton Administration acknowledged as turning the election in its

Encouraged by this success. Rock the Vote has crossed the pond in time for our next general election, and the new rock aristocracy has thrown its full weight behind the scheme. It's an idea whose time has manifestly come - Noel Gallagher's only coherent comment over the past six months that doesn't involve guitars, "the Weller" or how he and Liam used to be "lads" has been on his young fans' duty to

vote for Tony Blair. When politics has invaded Oasis's world of weeping hotel managers and hysterical American girls in hot-pants, the time has truly come when politics can re-enter pop without making both parties look em-

barrassed. Comedian Eddie Izzard, working as a spokesman and fundraiser for Rock the Vote, is at pains to emphasise the non-partisan nature of the organisation. "Vote Tory, vote Labour, vote Lib-Dem, vote Monster Raving Twix-up-my-Nose, vote for Kathy from EastEnders, it doesn't matter ho you vote



CAITLIN **MORAN**

magazines from W.H. Smith and ignore the cashier on my way out' And some people simply forgot to register themselves after the poll tax was abolished. So Rock the Vote has come up with these nifty postcards." He throws one across the table. "You fill in your name, address and date of birth on one

"Just use your vote. and we pass them on to your A lot of people got in council and register you. It's a a bit of a groove after the poll tax simple, fuss-free, Pot Noodle way of voting."
Radiohead's Ed O'Brien rebellion -- 'Ah-ha! agrees. "Most people simply ì have just avoided

don't know how to register especially if they move around a lot, like you do when you're young. Most of the bands involved in Rock the Vote will be distributing the Freepost postcards at their gigs - and with the Boo Radleys, us, Pulp, Blur, Pet Shop Boys, Suede, Gene aand the Stone Roses joining in. plus the comedians doing the Rock the Vote tour at the moment, it's bound to make a big impact at

• The Rock the Vote tour is at Liverpool Royal Court tonight and Southampton Guildhall on

the next general election."

WEEKEND CHOICE

BIPITHDAY BASH The ever-youthing Yehindi Menjihin is colebrating his 80th birthday at a coyal gala concert formorrow in aid of the Yehindi Menuhin tomorow in aid of the Yerusi Menujis School and Live Music New Arme-Sophie Micler. Samuch Barney and Mislakav Rossopowich are among the luminates joining the Royal Philhamoros, and Yerush Menuhin School Orchestra for Tehnikosaky's Rossoc Vanations, Mozart's Victin Comment of Earth Charles in Jonated. ELSEWHERE BERMANNEHAM: The Gothenbur Symphony Orchestra performs sweeping meladies and massive Rococo Vanations, Mozari's Violin Concerto No 5 and Élgar's splendid Enigma Vanations, Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) 7pm. (§) climates of the Salolus symphonic repetitive over a series of three

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EDUCATION

Standards in schools: the great debate

Gillian Shephard,

the Secretary of State, claims

the Government's education policies are bearing fruit

have always felt that we, as a nation, paid too little attention to educational issues. This is thankfully no longer true. They are now one of the main topics of interest and debate throughout the country. Most recently Sir Claus Moser has set out a "pro-gramme of priorities" for education which will make a significant contribution to the debate.

This growth of interest is much due to the Government's concern for educational issues and particularly for standards. Since we took office in 1979 we have put in place a series of measures to raise standards - involving structures, processes, content and quality control. We now have a rich diversity of

schools - grammar, church, LEA, grant-maintained, educating threequarters of a million pupils, city technology colleges and, most recently, specialist schools (we now have more than 150 of these).

Parents have been given choice between these schools and the right to receive the information which enables them to make that choice on an informed basis.

This restructuring is fundamental because choice and diversity in themselves help to raise standards.
We dealt with the essential
content of education — what is actually taught in schools - by

introducing the national curriculum. For the first time, we have defined what children ought to know at certain ages Quality control is ensured by testing at 7. II and 14 - checking that subjects are being taught

properly and that children are making progress. And quality is further enhanced by the schools inspectorate. Ofsted, set up in 1992. We are now in the middle of a programme which aims to inspect every primary and secondary school in a four-year cycle. Much has been done. But we

know that standards are not yet high enough - through testing and inspection we now have real evidence, a basis on which to put things right. Inspection has shown







Gillian Shephard, left, insists that educational standards will improve but Sir Claus Moser is critical of the "disgraceful" problems of illiteracy and innumeracy

that one in five lessons and some 15,000 teachers are unsatisfactory. Evidence from the OECD shows that although we are ahead in some respects - having, for example, the second highest graduation rate in Europe - in other areas we are behind our competitors, participation at post-16, for example.

Since I have been at the Depart-

ment my overriding priority has been to continue to drive up standards, working on all fronts: structure, process, content and quality control. The tests have shown, for example, that we need to focus even more sharply on the basic skills of literacy and numeracy. So the revised curricuium, which I brought in last year. does just that. We are making the curriculum and tests more rigorous and from September 1997 we will have a nationwide network of 25 literacy and numeracy centres. dealing with local schools to improve the basic skills.

This approach applies throughout the age range. The new nursery initiative, which started this week. will, in time, give every four-yearold the right to good quality publicly funded nursery education with parental choice at its centre.

Rigour and excellence are being reinforced throughout the system. Sir Ron Dearing's review of 16 to 19year-olds' education will strengthen the A-level examination; our recent substantial expansion of the Assisted Places Scheme provides another 4,000 places in excellent schools for children who would otherwise not have this opportunity.

othing is more fundamental to raising standards than high quality fined the skills and knowledge we expect from all new teachers. Ofsted and the Teacher Training Agency (TTA), established in 1994, are drawing up a quality framework to judge training courses against those outcomes. Ofsted will report publicly on the standards of training and the TTA is following up those reports. Funding is now linked to quality - and poor providers may lose their right to train teachers. Good ones will be able to expand.

These measures are raising the standards of the 20,000 or so new entrants to teaching each year but we also have a raft of measures to help our 400,000 serving teachers to give of their best. From now

on inspectors will report particularly good or bad teaching to head teachers, to help them to identify their schools' strengths and weaknesses. Good performance can thus be recognised, and teachers who need help identified. The TTA is making sure that the £400 million spent each year on in-service training is correctly targeted.

The ultimate success of any organisation depends on the quality of its head. Teaching is no exception. That is why I have introduced a new National Professional Qualification for Headteachers. This will do much to raise the quality of headship. The recent Ofsted report on target-setting il-lustrated how many schools have improved by setting themselves targets. We will build on that and encourage more schools to use target-setting, benchmarking and other good management practices.

This is not glamorous or eyecatching, it is hard slog. But it is the way to win the battle for higher standards, and that we are determined to do. Indeed we have no choice. Higher standards are essential, not only for the success and fulfilment of the individual, but also for the competitiveness of the nation.

A study out this week says the reforms have failed. David Charter reports

n important American study of the school system published this week concluded that the Government's education reforms had largely failed to raise standards in the classroom.

The Carnegie Foundation found no clear evidence of improvements since the national curriculum was introduced in 1988, although it said the recently slimmed-down version "has a good chance of success".

It also warned American policymakers against the idea of grantmaintained status for schools because it risked a fragmented. two-tier education system. The report came in the week that

another broadside was fired at the Government's record in education by Sir Claus Moser, founder of the National Commission on Education. In a speech at the Royal Society of Arts, he criticised the "serious and disgraceful" problems of illiteracy and innumeracy, as well as "appalling school condi-tions in which so many children spend their lives.

Sir Claus concluded that stan-dards had fallen further since he called in 1990 for a Royal Commission on education because of a

crisis over achievement.
If anything, the Carnegie Foundation report is more optimistic. Kathryn Stearns, a senior analyst at the foundation, spent several months visiting schools and interviewing teachers, administrators and education experts for the 94page report. School Reform: Lessons from England.

She concluded: "There is little evidence that the national curriculum, local management, grantmaintained schools and school choice have significantly raised standards." The rapid pace of change in England, which brought turmoil to schools and a teacher boycest of tests, should serve as "warning bell" for the United

States. There was, however, praise for the way greater control over budgets was given to head teachers and governors. "Schools generally

appear cleaner and brighter than before the introduction of local management, because refurbishments are not delayed."

However, the full handover of financial control to grant-maintained schools was criticised. "Autonomy has its merits, but schools serve the public best when they collaborate within a regional system dedicated to a common purpose." The movement of grantmaintained schools to introduce selection or other restrictive enrolment policies was likely to lead to "a two-tier system of best and second-best".

The report said that wider consultation with parents and teachers before the Education Reform Act of 1988 would have prevented the enormous waste of money and time on an initially unpopular and overprescriptive national curriculum. The mistake cost the Government time, trust, and considerable sums of money."

Despite the reduction of the curriculum's content last year, the report found there was still too little time for English and mathematics

at primary schools.

Although 'stark differences' in achievement at similar schools had not yet been eradicated, there were now many signs that the curriculum was beginning to have a positive effect. The curriculum had been used as a national discussion document which had led to a close examination of teachers' approach and what students ought to know. This impromptu exercise has been invaluable," said the report. Against all odds, the curriculum seems to be succeeding.

The doctrine of parental choice came in for particular criticism in the study. Ms Stearns said: "England's Conservative Party extols the power of parents to choose their children's schools. But the reality is somewhat different from the rhetoric. Most students continue to attend their local neighbourhood schools."

A spokeswoman for the Department for Education and Employment said it did not use the term parental choice but talked of parental preference. "We realise people may not get their first choice but the reforms have introduced the fact that parents can make a preference which they could not before.".

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said: "This report highlights the need for a coherent partnership approach towards raising standards in the future which this Government has failed to do."

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> Teachers have always recognised this and drama, which allows students to be someone else while keeping their own identity, is a perfect way of During a recent drama

project on homelessness, my students had to role-play a formal public meeting concerning the building of a shelter in a residential area. Every student in the class had a different role and confidently used an appropriate variety of English. Students in Blyth achieve high standards of oral work and are certainly capable of using spoken standard

If young people are sophisticated language users, why are they not being seen to use standard forms in situations where it might be appropriate? The key to this is ownership. We all need to feel as if we own our own language. If we return to the conversa-

find that they are restrictive. They deliberately exclude the adult, not just in content but in form. The students have their identity and sense of community. It is correct that we are excluded from it. Equally, students feel that spoken standard English belongs to someone else. Why would we buy a manual for a BMW if we are quite happy driving around in an old Mini. or, as is more likely, we never see the possibility of affording

tions in the classroom, we will

anything else?
We all know of situations where a group has used language to exclude outsiders, What we have to accept is that standard English has also been used in this way. Twenty years agn in Blyth, when many of the students left school to enter the mines or heavy industry, they did not see language as important, but more importantly, neither did

politicians. Now, thankfully, it is an issue and the move towards inclusion is one that

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we can all support.
The Better English Campaign can do a lot to promote the benefits of using effective English, but we must recog-nise it as part of a much wider aim. People spend money on the lottery because they have a chance, however small, of winning. When young people believe that there is a society out there that they can be part of, a chance of success, they too will hold on to the use of spoken standard English.

few weeks ago I re-turned to school after A an operation. A 14-yearold boy stopped me in the corridor to ask if his class would be having drama again. When I said they would be, I was met with the don-standard": "Agh mint, Miss." It may be argued that the surdent should have said. That is very good Miss Moore", but I know which version made me feel most welcome to be back. If politicians questioned honestly which response they would prefer to have to their policies, we might all come to better understanding of the

real power that language has. Ruth Moore is Second in English at Blyth Ridley High School. Northumberland, Chairwoman of NEATE (North East Association for the Teaching of English) and a member of the Better English Campaign steering group, writing here independently.

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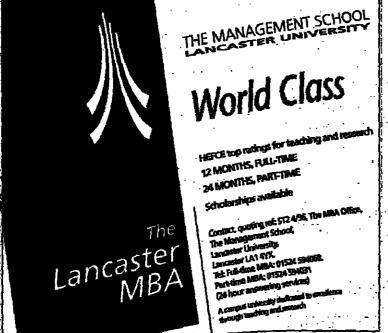
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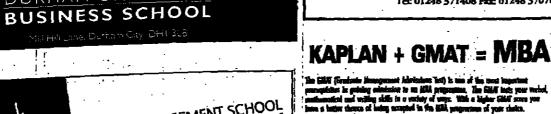
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Time to dispel England's lofty outlook on Europe

The Rugby Football that it came down from the Union should, with due clouds. modesty, consider modifying its grandiloquent name. To be styled the English Rugby Football Union would not only be more accurate but might also persuade its members and executive to view the rugby world from a less selfadmiringly exalted position.

In the past 12 months, its high-handed behaviour has contrived to muster embarrassment over its captain, Will Carling, a mood of attrition among its own clubs and a lofty attitude to the European

As if this were not enough, it is now threatening to destroy the international structure of the European game. It is time

At the precise moment that the southern hemisphere countries - Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa are about to fulfill their longstanding dream and embark on an annual tournament that they envisage as their own version of the five nations' tournament, the northern hemisphere countries, perversely, are tearing themselves

To put the five nations' event in jeopardy, as England have conspired to do by wishing to negotiate their own television contract, is plainly obtuse. England, seduced by the bitch goddess - success - are claiming that she favours

cess is a fickle mistress, as Wales will willingly warn them: she winks one moment, turns her back the next.

It is for each union to determine what happens within its jurisdiction. The television contract, however, is different. What is for sale is not the space on a country's jersey or around the perimeter of the pitch. Indeed, it is not like one-off matches that England, as with non-live nations' contests, are entitled to package, sell and promote

independently. What is on offer is the five nations' championship. It is the championship in its entirety that is the so-called product. not any one game or any

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Rugby Commentary

single country within it. In other words, a series of ten matches between five countries spread over a period of two months. For this to succeed, the agreement of everyone is required. Take any one away and it becomes a thing

To invoke the independence of France is somewhat disingenuous for there are very obvious cultural, legal and historical differences. At any

rate, a full consortium of a five nations' television negotiating committee, not four, as was the case in the past, is already in place. Apparently France believe they will benefit more, financially, from being on the inside, not the outside.

England may very well care to think of themselves as the most significant of the constituent nations, but they would be misguided if they did. The championship would be the

England but no more so than if any of the other nations were absent. This is the peculiar historical nature of the contest. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Nurturing a glorious and prestigious competition may now count for naught in the greedy chase for squalid cash And what cash is there for England? Were they to be in the very regrettable position of being expelled from the championship, who would

they play?
Might they replace these fixtures with one or two against the southern hemisphere nations before Christmas and further home and away matches against France.

who might still decide to exert their independence, in the new

Playing other European countries, such as Spain or Romania, to make up a compendium of haphazard fixtures is hardly likely to entice the relevision companies or fill Twickenham.

These matches would have their own inherent interest but they could not possibly replace the cumulative tension and the swelling tide of the European championship. England cannot do without the championship just as the championship cannot do without England. There are no winners here.

greater number of clubs to administer in comparison

Ireland. The population of lent of New Zealand's, but would England dare present the same argument for a greater share of the spoils were New Zealand to be a part of such a tournament?

In the Tri-Series about to start in the southern hemisphere, the contract negotiated last year ensures that each country has an equal share of the proceeds, no matter that Australia has fewer clubs and players than both the other nations.

The five nations' championship is the jewel in the crown. as all the nations agree. England must surely see that it cannot be sold off in parts.

Duo develop taste for Cannes greens

ABSOLUTELY no luck of the Irish went the way of a couple of players from the Emerald Isle in the first round of the Cannes Open yesterday. Not that they needed any; they played the sort of golf in which good fortune is an unneces-

sary luxury. 'A long day in the sun was still young when Paul McGinley, the first of them, strolled off the 18th green at Royal Mougins wearing the small smile of a man who has iust visited the well and found it brimming over with vintage champagne.

With just one bogey on his card to preserve due humility. McGinley had scored 65, six under par, to share second place with Philip Walton, his compatriot, and Peter Mitchell, from Kent, a stroke behind Fernando Roca, of Spain, whose 64 equalled the course record. To say that he was pleased was to understate the case by a factor of about

played beautifully," McGinley said, with the slightly immodest but understandable honesty that is born of a job done just about perfectly. "I putted well, which management was really good. I never got out of position, kept giving myself chances, and the putting took care of the rest." It did. too. The greens at Royal Mougins are heavily.

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FROM MEL WEBB IN CANNES

occasionally grotesquely, contoured - Mark Roe, ever the man for the succinct one-liner. said it looked as if the course builders had buried elephants under them - but McGinley made them look like he was putting on a snooker table.

He lost no time in getting into his stride with birdies on the first two holes. On the 1st, he hit a nine-iron to six feet and confidently rolled in the putt. He did not make such a good job of his seven-iron

SCORES

EARLY FIRST-ROUND LEADERS [GB and ire unless stated]: 64: F Roca (So). 65: P Machell, P McGinley, P Walton. 68: R Russell 67: M Turrucilli. 68: D Clarke, P Harrington 70: D Carter. J Sandelin (Swe), R Chapman. I Pyman, M Ferry (Fr). R Dirisdale, C Post (Den) 71: G Turner (NZ), A Officom, P-U Johansson (Swe), P Nyman, A Collison, R Jacquelin (Fr), G Orr, P Esies. O Edmond (Fr), J Friero (So) 72: G Brand Jr, C Cavaer (Fr), J Widener (US), J Van de Velde (Fr), S Richardson, O Dabson (Fr), D A Russell.

approach on the next, but neither did he make a tiny drama into a crisis, holeing from 30 feet. Golf a difficult game? Not when it is played

A five-iron to five feet at the ie, and three putts for a boge, on the 9th represented his sale error on the greens. There were further gains on the 10th and 12th, and a 35-footer at the 14th maintained the momentum. He concluded the entertainment for the day with his final birdie on the par-five

McGinley had not long left the scene before he was joined on 65 by Walton, who is almost certainly the best injured Irish professional golfer on the Côte d'Azur this week. Walton is among the grow-

ing number of players to use the broomhandle putter, which is rapidly reducing to a nonsense the claim by golfing traditionalists that it is an instrument of the devil. On this day it looked more like a magic wand as he, too, holed putts from all over the place. Not bad for a man with an aching right big toe.

Walton was not sure what the injury to the offending digit was. He thought it might be rheumatism; it could even, heaven forbid, be gout, although he claimed not to have touched a drop of the hard stuff for a fortnight or more.

All Walton knew was that it had hurt enough for him to have dunked it in ice for 90 minutes the previous evening and put two painkillers on the menu at breakfast time. Six birdies, no bogeys and 18 his reward -- if he goes on like this for three more days, he could make a seriously throbbing big toe something that no ambitious golfer should be



Rhodri Donovan putts at the 3rd in the Peter McEvoy Trophy at Copt Heath yesterday. In high winds, Mark Pilkington, the Welsh boy champion, took the title. Scores, page 44

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Most beginners' courses start with constructive bidding, i.e. opening the bidding and responding. They then move on to various aspects of card-play. Somehow, the principles of competitive bidding, i.e. bidding once the opponents have opened, seem to get lost.

The main reason for opening the bidding at the one level is to find your side's best contract. Once the opponents have opened, the emphasis shifts and possible reasons for bidding multiply: To find your side's best contract — as before, this reason may still be valid if you have good values.

2 To make life difficult for the opponents: to prevent them from finding their own best contract at no real cost to your side. The more bidding space you can take from them, the more likely you are to achieve this objective.

3. To help partner with his opening lead.
So an overcall should be made (a) on a good hand, or (b) at a level that removes some bidding space, or (c) on a good suit. Bearing this in mind, what would you bid on the following hands after your right-hand opponent (RHO) opens One Heart

> (i) ★· KQ1096 Q763 764

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(i) Pass. Although most tournament players would overcall on this hand, it is more risky at rubber bridge, where partner is likely to expect more values. You are not taking any bidding

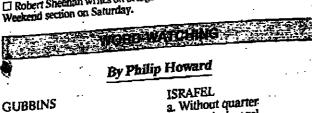
space from your opponents and, if they finish in a heart contract. you will be on lead yourself. (ii) Pass. Neither of your suits are good enough to overcall. You should nearly always have a six-card suit to overcall in a minor at the two level. Good distribution is more important than high-card points. Perhaps you will be able to make a take-out double

of clubs on the next round. What would you bid on the same hands after your (RHO) opens One Club when he is vulnerable and you are not? (i) One Spade. Although there is still the chance that your rubber-bridge partner will play you for more, there are too many possible advantages in bidding for you to pass. As well as

depriving the opponents of bidding space, you may help your partner with the opening lead against hearts or no-trumps. Also, the favourable vulnerability means that you may find a (ii) Double. Your diamond suit is strong enough for a one-level overcall, but it is better to tell partner of your support for all the

other suits by making a take out double. ☐ For details of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge challenge, contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to the challenge of the Private May North Medium Supreme 172 4074 to the challenge of the Control Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or lax

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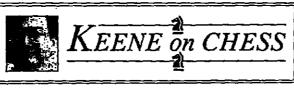
c. The lesser pyramid

CROTONA'S SAGE

Answers on page 46

GUBBINS a. Provisions b. Devonians c. The boss

ASSHUR a. A god b. Ben Hur's donkey e. Ritual cleansing



21 b3

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British success Demetrios Agnos,

London international master, scored a fine result against a field studded with grandmasters in the tournament at Karditsa, Greece. Agnos totalled six out of nine for a share of first prize and, in so doing, played some brilliant attacking chess, as in the following example:

White: Demetrios Agnos Black: Spiridon Skembris Karditsa, Greece, March

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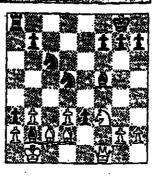
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By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Gonssio-rovski — Alekhine, Odessa 1918. How did Alekhine manage to exploit the tremendous activity of his minor pieces?

Solution on page 46



James and son supply enterprising fare

hole the Smiths, needing a ten-

foot putt to square the match,

took not one more but two and

were never again a competi-

The Jameses, of whom the

father is secretary of the

Walton Heath club, now face

the Hickeys, of the home club. Hickey Sr surrendered the

lead against the Taggarts.

from Wilderness, with a

topped tee-shot at the 17th, but

his counterpart did the same

off the next tee and then failed

with a five-foot putt that would

have taken the match to extra

In the second semi-final, the

back-markers in the Father and Son Foursomes Tournament at West Hill, Surrey. stormed through two more rounds of golf yesterday to reach the semi-finals at their first attempt (John Hennessy writes). Playing off a com-bined handicap of six, they beat the Boxalls, of Blackmoor, 5 and 4 and, in the afternoon, the Smiths, of Sur-

biton, 3 and 2. Against the Smiths, they struck immediately with two superb shots against the wind to six feet at the 395-yard 1st. It was a daunting start for the Smiths, but somehow they held on to remain one down at

the turn. However, at the next

Piggotts, of Littlehampton and Perivale, meet the Walkers, of

Bulls seek form in rehearsal

MATCHES at St Helens and Wigan in six days constitute the hardest Wembley revision for Bradford Bulls and their examination in the rugby league Challenge Cup final there a week tomorrow (Christopher Irvine writes). St Helens, their fellow final-

ists and unbeaten in eight games, narrowly withstood the Bulls' second-half charge last Sunday, and to follow one Stones Super League defeat. albeit encouraging, with another at Central Park tonight, would present Bradford with an obvious psychological handicap.

A further incentive for St Helens was provided yesterday when the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee imposed a one-match ban on Vila Matautia, the forward dismissed for elbowing a Bradford opponent, which ensures his availability for the

Jason Robinson, the Great Britian wing who has signed a four-year, £1.1 million deal to move to the Australian Rugby League next year, has asked Wigan for a transfer. "His request will be considered. We want him to stay, but need to reach a compromise." Jack Robinson, the Wigan chair-

Faultless Skelton has plenty in reserve

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GENEVA

NICK SKELTON, of Great Britain, who attempts a second successive Volvo World Cup win this week, had a timely morale booster when he and his reserve horse. Cathleen, won the Prix du Rhone, the second warm-up class of the five-day meeting

Skelton was invited to take over the ride on Cathleen. formerly ridden by Meredith Michaels, of the United States, last October. After good performances in Stuttgart and Bremen in the autumn. Skelton decided to ride her in the Dutch World Cup qualifier in 's-Hertogenbosch last month and finished in sixteenth

"She's got all the scope in the world and a lovely tem-perament." Skelton said after his win. There was little to fault in the manner of her victory. Despite the disadvantage of being drawn first in the seven-horse jump-off, she jumped fast and clear over the six fences in 40.39sec.

Only one rider, McLain Ward, of the United States, on Avalon, was faster, but the faults at the end of the course and had to settle for second place. None of the remaining five riders — including Franke Sloothark, the world champion from Germany, on Very could match Skelton.

Later, Skelton and John Whitaker, the only other Briton here, were out of luck in the Prix du Jura, a power and speed competition. The event, won by Ludo Philippaerts, of Belgium, involved two parts. Riders had to be clear over the bigger, first half of the course in order to go on to the timed

Cathleen, faultless over the first half, just clipped the third fence of the timed section after running on too freely off the corner. Whitaker, unusually, was eliminated after his new horse. Amadeus - an II-yearold. Dutch-bred gelding took exception to fence four, a rail following a bank, and nothing Whitaker did would persuade him to jump.

RESULTS: Prec du Rhone: 1, Cathleon (N Skehon, GB) D faults in 40 39sec. 2, Avalon (M Ward, LIS) 4 in 38 51, 3, 5an Potrignano very (F Slothaak, Ger) 4 in 40.84, Pitz du Jura: 1, Trucio Kristwad (L Philippaerts, Bel) 0 in 27.36, 2, San Patignano Very (F Stoothaak, Ger) 0 in 27 88, 3, Gyssmo (J Friedii, Switz) 0 in 31 95.

IN BRIEF

Hall rallies to reach last eight

DARREN HALL, the former European badminton champion, came from a game and 14-11 down, saving two match points, to reach the quarterfinals of the European championships in Herning, Denmark, yesterday with a 9-15, 17-14, 15-8 victory over Chris Bruil, of Holland.

Peter Knowles, the England No 2, also reached the quarter-finals, overcoming Pierre Pelupessy, of Holland, 15-8, 15-13 and performing more effectively than the night before, when he had been within two points of defeat against Richard Vaughan, the schoolboy from Wales, who looked a bright Olympic prospect for

Atlanta bound

Rowing: The Amateur Rowing Association yesterday announced the pre-selection of six oarsmen for the Olympic Games in Atlanta. They are: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the Olympic champions, in the coxless pairs, and Rupert Obholzer, Tim Foster and the Searle brothers in the coxless fours. Redgrave and Pinsent remain unbeaten since the last Olympic Games achieved bronze and silver medals respectively in the world championships of 1994

Caps of peace

Rugby Union: The Irish Rugby Football Union is expected to confirm today that caps will be awarded for the "peace international" against the Barbarians at Lansdowne Road on May 18, an initiative of two former players, Hugo MacNeill and Trevor Ring-land. Proceeds will go to Co-Operation North/Co-Operation Ireland and the Ireland Fund. Francois Pienaar, the South Africa captain, has agreed to lead the Barbarians for the match.

Rusedski out

over the No 13 seed.

Tennis: Greg Rusedski, of Great Britain, bowed out of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday, losing in the third round to the third seed. Thomas Enqvist. The Swede, winner of the Indian Open last week, reached the quarter-finals with a 7-6, 6-1 victory

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Bruce sets sights on Cup Final return

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

STEVE BRUCE still has a chance of playing in the FA Cup Final despite limping out of the FA Carling Premiership match against Leeds United on Wednesday night with a recurring ham-

The fact that we took Steve off straight away will be a big help to the speed of his recovery." Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manag-er, said yesterday. "The injury should be cleared up by the time Wembley comes around, so it gives Steve an outside chance of playing against Liverpool."

Bruce has an additional incentive to be fit for the May Il showpiece because, if the Old Trafford club can stave off Newcastle United's Premiership challenge and beat

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MANCHESTER UNITED: Apr 28: Not targham Forest (b) May 5: Middlesbrough

Liverpool at Wembley, he would become the first captain to take a side to the double twice, having led United when they won the

League and Cup in 1994. It seems certain that Bruce will miss the final two Premiership games but Ferguson has excellent centre-back cover in the shape of David May and Gary Neville. Gary Pallister also came through only his lifth match in five months with nothing more than a little stiffness, heartening news not just for Ferguson but for the England coach. Terry Venables, with the European championship less than two months away.

"I've never played in a major championship before and I desperately want to be there in the summer." Pallister said. "It has been frustrating because I had gone all my career hardly

missing a match before this back injury." United have helped his recovery by fitting the team bus with a fulllength lounger so that the 6ft 4in defender can stretch out and rest his back.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, has withdrawn Robert Lee and Les Ferdinand from the England squad for the match against Croatia at Wembley next week after both sustained injuries in the 1-0 victory over Southampton that kept them in the title hunt.

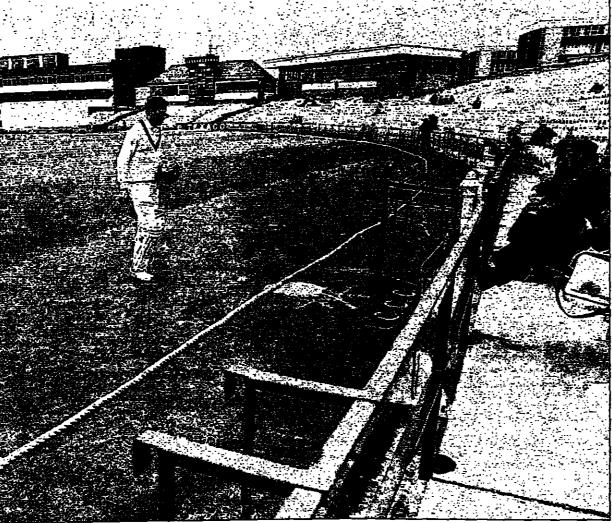
Ferdinand, who scored the only goal in England's last game against Bulgaria, has a broken toe, and Lee, scorer of the goal against Southamp-Achilles' tendon problem. ton, has a recurrence of an

While accepting that Keegan was within his rights to pull him out, Lee is a reluctant withdrawal from the England squad. "It's very disappointing, because the European championships are so close and I want to be meeting up with the squad and being part of it." Lee said. "But I understand the manager's situation — all that matters for him is Newcastle United and any other manager would be the

Better news for Venables came yesterday from the Goldstone Ground, where Darren Anderton continued his comeback for Tottenham Hotspur in a reserve game against Brighton. Anderton. battling to recover from a serious groin injury, played the full 90 minutes in central midfield and also scored a goal in Tottenham's 4-1

Brighton, who will be relegated from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division if they fail to beat Carlisle United at home tomorrow, have given free transfers to seven players. They include Steve Foster (who has played 668 league games). John Byrne (497) and Dean Wilkins (326). The others are Stuart Myall, Stuart Munday. Ian Chapman and Derek Coughlan.

☐ Germany are likely to be without Jürgen Klinsmann and Steffen Freund for their opening European championship group C match against the Czech Republic at Old Trafford on June 9. The Uefa executive committee is today expected to give both players one-match bans for receiving two yellow cards in the qualifying competition.



Michael Atherton, the England captain, trudges back to the pavilion at Old Trafford yesterday after being dismissed for three in his first innings of the season, against Yorkshire. He fell to fast bowler Alex Wharf. 20, whose only previous first-class wicket had been that of Brian Lara. at

Scarborough in 1994. The Bradford-born bowler also accounted for Steve Titchard as Lanca-shire struggled to 59 for three before rain intervened and prevented any play after lunch. Titchard was caught by the new Yorkshire captain, David Byas, while Atherton edged an awayswinger to wicketkeeper Richard Blakey, his early dismissal giving him plenty of time to ponder the result of the election for the two final places on

the England selection panel. Graham Lloyd, who hit 33, added 45 with Nick Speak before he top-edged an attempted pull off Gavin Hamilton. Darren Gough conceded only eight runs in an accurate five-over spell while Craig White, Alex Morris, the England Under-19 captain, and left-arm spinner lan Fisher also had spells as Byas

Smith graduates with | Bowlers cheered by first-class honours

straightness of his bat as he

timed the ball through the

covers off front foot and back;

his temperament in his cool-

ness under pressure when

anchored on 96 for seven

most nervous moments of my

life," Smith said. "You never

get another chance of scoring

100 on your debut and I just

kept thinking that the dream

The dream came true when

Thomas served up a long hop

for his thirteenth four. He

was out three balls later,

caught behind driving at

Thomas, but that only left the

stage to another freshman on

his debut. Anurag Singh, who made 52 off 65 balls.

clared 37 runs behind, where-

upon Maynard, the new

Glamorgan captain, smash-

ed 66 off 57 balls and set up

the prospect of a good finish

The university then de-

was still alive."

They were certainly the

BY PAT GIBSON

FENNER'S (second day of cricket to take on county three): Glamorgan, with all bowlers as good as Watkin. Barwick and Croft as if there second-innings wickets in hand, are 142 runs ahead of were no difference. His talent showed in the Cambridge University

ALL those who question the value of Oxbridge cricket should have been at Fenner's yesterday to see Edward Smith become the first Cambridge University batsman to score a century on his firstclass debut since a certain John Slack did it against Middlesex in 1954.

Slack never progressed beyond minor counties cricket with Buckinghamshire. Smith, one suspects, will go further. At 18, he had a choice between playing second-team cricket for Kent or reading history at Peterhouse. Whatever academic qualifications he achieves, his cricket can

only benefit. Cambridge knew they had a good player on their hands he arrived from Tonbridge with a record of 1,704 runs in two seasons at an average of 77. They discovered just how good when they saw the manner in which he stepped straight from schools

Sutcliffe's dismissal

BY JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (second day of three): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Oxford University by 127 runs

IN TERMS of winners and losers, this match has so far been a case of Richard Sula's pitch first, the batsmen second and the bowlers nowhere. Once Mike Roseberry had sportingly declined to go after the Sutcliffe and Holmes record of 555 for the first wicket - not an impossible task - by declaring at Durham's overnight score,

Oxford took over. They did so to such effect that Chinmay Gupte and pair, not only added a further 145 runs before the first wicket fell in this game, but saw to it that 914 hours had elapsed from the time the first ball was bowled before the bowlers received any

encouragement. They may not be Sutcliffe and Holmes, but Oxford's Sutcliffe and Gupte are no strangers to this sort of thing. So comfortable were they yesterday that last year's partnership of 283 against Hampshire looked well within range. Sutcliffe's display of elegant driving and cutting came to an end, however, at 65, when he top-edged Simon

Brown to the wicketkeeper. Gupte moved on, inevitably it seemed, to the fourth first-class century of an Oxford career which began some six years ago. His declaration, 107 runs

behind, left Durham with 20 minutes to negotiate, and, theoretically at least, threw the game open. But Gupte's batting and that of Sutcliffe, and a glimpse of the power that Gul Khan is capable of generating, will cause Roseberry to think long and hard about his declaration.

Khan's cameo innings of 33 included two hefty on-side sixes before he was bowled driving at Boiling. The off spinner stuck well to his task. but the bowling honours, such as they were, went to Brown. At fast medium, the left-armer was the one bowler to show sustained hostility. Like Boiling, he cost fewer than two runs an over,

Defence stands Heri firm in case of double jeopardy Grays Inn dominating play, there came from a nearby housing

the fact that the London Legal League cup final was due to be played on Monday evening at the football ground in Coppermill Lane, discovered three Coppermill Lanes in the gazetteer; found only one adjacent to greenery and made its way to the Douglas Eyre Centre south of reservoir No 5 of the High Maynard complex in Walthamstow, El7. Soon after six we witnessed the arrival of men in dark suits, carrying sports bags. discussing attachment orders.

We had arrived. The ground has been the beneficiary of a £2 million Sports Council grant: there is a club-house. Astroturf multipurpose pitch with floodlights, and on the sidelines are scattered the impedi-menta of other contests played on man-made greenery.

The London Legal League has three divisions of ten teams; Grays Inn are the champions. As it has been more than ten years since anyone achieved the double. excitement

Jim Sturman, the Grays Inn

captain, wore the No 12 shirt and.

until he came on for the last ten

minutes, paced the touchline with

authority - now guru, now

manager, now mother hen. Derek Williams, 39, sometime

apprentice with Brentford, is

Grays Inn's oldest player. He

guested when a builder-decora-

tor, thought that, if the morons

with whom he played could

become barristers, what was to

stop him? And is now a law

student. He outran, outshone.

outplayed all others, but it was

not his day. Arguably it was not

anyone's day - the only goal of

the match coming from a 35-yard

shot by Dominic Chandler which

owed nearly as much to the wind.

the bounce and the lights as to the

ley was the fastest, hardest-

working forward. Barnforth

excelled in goal, David Short

played a solid game at centre

It is of course the crowd that

"makes" a cup final and there were six: a vociferous supporter

of Stephenson Harwood and five

loyal partners who shivered on

the touchline behind the wire

fencing, calling "Come on Clive" and "Well played Roger", though

barrister's right foot.

For the solicitors, Dwa

among the men who wear wigs was high. The opposition, Ste-phenson Harwood, is a 70-partner firm of solicitors and commissioners for oaths based in the City. Counsel's opinion would give them a 15 per cent estate three girls of about 15. They approached the spectators with the conviction of Jehovah's Witnesses on a house call and asked: 'Are any of the players virgins? What are their names? Come on. somebody must know what they're called." We looked embarrassed. The yellow-shirted No 10 is called Lawrence." Lawrence's

partner said after a while. And without a moment's delay the trio were shouting: "Law-rence, Lawrence. Come on Law-rence. Remember us Lawrence?"
"You are embarrassing him."

the player's companion said. "Alright then," the girls said, litcigarettes and walked off.

Trevor Prout, the referee, con-trolled the game with skill and good sense, when he blew for half-time we left the game to adjourn to the Golden Horse Chinese takeaway and fish and chip parlour opposite. The place had little going

for it a notice proclaims that. due to lack of demand, fish will no longer be neither. A single non-eating customer sat read-; ing a newspaper and, behind the counter, an eightyear-old boy played a video game on the television screen on

FREUD ON FRIDAY

By tradition both teams are which we had rather hoped to see. allowed three guests, none of whom should be Kanchelskis.

action from Highbury. When the server appeared, we asked for a spring roll, an order he passed on to someone in the back, after which nothing happened for 15 minutes.

The spring roll was absolutely brilliant, cooked in fat of quality with the outside crisp and handsomely flavoured, the inside rerolls should contain.

On the field of play, Grays Inn continued to dominate without scoring; fear of a late equaliser and extra time appeared on the faces of all ... until the final whistle: 1-0 to the favourites. The. double achieved at last. And we saw the presentation of the cup. which was inscribed: "Leyton Orient Summer Six-a-side Cup". You can't win them all.

Sturman held it aloft. And the lawyers adjourned to the clubsuse, where there were baths and later food and ale ... and a score of earnest, youngish men sat at tables, finishing their exams for the referee course; ten Monday sessions cost £27.50; successful candidates are awarded a whistle and will be able to hand red and yellow cards to tomorrow's judges without alfording them opportunity to argue their cases. The column went back to the

Golden Horse for a second spring

(Nelyn and District) 74, 76, 71, 71, 293; F Rowe (West Comwall) 72, 74, 73, 74, 295; D

BARCELONA: Spanish Open: Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bi M Gustatsson (Swe) 3-6, 6-1,7-6: F Roug (St) bit A-Mechieder (Russ) 7-6, 7-6: R Funian (II) bit F. Maggi (II) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; J Courier (US) 6: O Martinez (Sp) 6-3, 6-3.

Fursan 9-4 fav. 9 ran. Nk, 254. J Dunlop. Tote: 55.40; 22.00, 55.10, 51.60 DF-191.00 Tibr 2315.30 (past wars pool of 5359.77 carried torward to today). CSF 5105-15. Tricast: 5842.77 After a diswards inquiry, result stood

4.00 (Im 41 60yd) 1, Nabhaen (R Cochrane, 11-8 fav): 2, Jackson Park (9-2): 3, Burnt Ottering (9-1) 7 ran, 31, nk D Modrey, 76er: £2.50; £1.20, £2.40 DF: £7.00, CSF: £8.83.

4.30 (im) f. Unreal City (W Ryen, 5-2); 2, Heory Island (11-2); 3, Catumbella (4-1), Refreen 2-1 fam. 15/1; 41, H Cacif. Tota: 53,10; 51.30; 51.40, £1.90 OF: 55.50. Thor £12.50, CSF: £18.10.

5.05 (5f) 1. Chadwell Hall (J Edmunds, 5-1): 2, Able Sheriff (12-1): 3, Penny's Warring (20-1). Stand Tail 2-1 lav. 13 ran Hd. 24h. 5 Bowring, Tola: £5 flo; £2.40, £3.00, £3.00, DF: £21.90. Tric: £280.80. CSF: £500.87. Tricast: £1,080.68.

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HOCKEY ATLANTA: Six nations tournament: Great Britain 1 South Koras 1; Argentina 2 United States 0* Pakistan 2 India 2*

CRICKET County match

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three Yorkshire won loss) Lancashire have scored 59 for three wickets agains Yorkshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 5 P Tschard c Byes b Wharf "M A Abriston c Blakey b Wher! N J Speak not out G D Lloyd c Gough b Hamilton A Firstoff not out ras (16 6, nb 2)

Total (3 wids) ... tW K Hegg. S Bwarthy, LD Austin, G Yeles R J Green and G Keedy to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-7, 2-14, 3-59 BOWLING: Gough 5-1-8-0; Wharl 6-3-7-2; Harration 6-0-10-1; Fisher 2-0-22-0; White 2-0-6-0; Monts 0,1-0-0-0 PORKSHIRE: C.J. Schofield, M.P. Vaugham "D. Byas, C. White, R. A. Kettleborough, 1R. Blakey, A.C. Morns, D. Gough, G. N. Hamillon, I.D. Fisher, A.G. Wharf

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FENNER'S (second day of three): Glamor-gan, with all second-runings wickels in hand, are 142 runs shead of Cambridge University

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Newmarket

Goling: good to firm
2.00 (6) 1, Gailine (S. Sanders, 8-1), 2. Widwood: Flower (7-1); 3, Westman's Wordh (9-1) Domak Amean 5-1 liev 15 ran NF: Farhana Kr. rk. W O'Gorman Tote: E12.40; £4.10, £2.60, £2.50 DF: £37.80 Thor

2.35 (Im 2) 1, Prize Giving (M Hills, 9-1); 2, Three Hits (6-1); 3, Select Few (11-4) Jackson Hill 9-4 lav. 10 ran 3, 141, 6, Wrogg, Toler £10.90, £2.80, £2.10, £1.80 DF: £44.70. Yno: £36.30 CSF: £54.83 Tricast £168.52.2mm 04.71sec.

Tricast £168.52. 2mm 04.71sec.
3.05 (1m 11) 1, Storm Trooper (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Si Mawes (14-1), 3, Jack, Jennings (14-1), 11 ran NF; Kala Sumae, South Salem, 4), 11 ran NF; Kala Sumae, 520, CSF £28.69 1mm 49,48sec 3,40 (1m) 1, BEAUCHAWAP RING (2, Red, 9-2), 2, Alhaerth (W Carson, 1-2 fav); 3, Polaris Filight (Pat Eddery, 25-1), ALSO RAN, 10 Ro Duxida (5th), 11 Pommard (4th), 5 ran, Nk, 34s, 8, nk, 2 Durlop at Aundel Tote £4,60, £150, £1.10 DF, £2.10, CSF; £5.80, 1min 37.82sec, 4.10 (71) 1, Lionizie iJ Reid, Evens fav); 2

4.10 (7) 1, Lionize (J Red, Evens fav); 2, Muladara (2-1); 3, Prime Light (10-1); 5 ran NR: Gold Spets, Hammerstein, Lonely Leeder, 1 M. 330 P Chapple-Hyam, Tote: 51.90; 51.50, 51.30 DF £1.80 CSF £3.09. Imm 27.09sec

4.45 (5) 1, Petcher (T Ourn, 13-8); 2, Rude Awakering (Evens tay): 3, M T Vessel (40-1) 6 ran 30, 9 P Color Tote 52-40; 51:30, 51:10, 0F; 51:40 CSF-53.34, 1min

(Blackmoor) 5 and 4; P and S Smith (Surbstori) of M and P Lawson (Stoneham) 2 holes, G and P Walker (Woking) bt R and A Lawson (Surningdale) 5 and 3, J and N (Bloert (Burhal) bt J and M Connelly (Woking) 1 hole, J and R Piggott (Littlehampton, Perivale) bt R and J Kretting (Rye, Denham) 2 and 1; P and D Story (Mullion, Liphook) bt V and G Davis (Wyte Green) I hole. Fifth round: M and M Hockey bt M and G Taggart 1 hole: G and M Mames bt P and S Smith 3 and 2; G and P Walker by J and R Glibert 3 and 2; J and R Piggott bt P and D Story (Multion, Liphook) 4 and 3. COPT HEATH: Peter McEvoy Trophy: FICHM ING Haste 9-1-40-0: Moltat 2-0-31-

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First trinings if Y Reginauth c Bernick b Watter 1 1 E T Smith c Metson b Thomas 1 10 R Cl Cake c Watter b Barwick 30 A Singh not out 5 W J House not out 1 1 Echas (t) 3, nb 8) 1

Total (3 wkts dec) RO Jones, 10 R H Churton, N J Hasto, A R Whittait, G R Motiat and E How did not bet FALL OF WICKETS 1-35, 2-138, 3-177. BOWLING: Warkin 17-8-43-1; Thomas 18-4-73-1; Croft 17-35-40, Berneck 22-11-24-1, Dale 2-1-1-0; Hermp 3-0-27-0 Umpires: R A White and J W Lloyds

Oxford University v Durham THE PARKS (second day of three): Durham, with all second-minings wickets in hand, are 127 runs ahead of Civilard University DURIHAM: First Innings 334 for 0 dec IS Hutton 172 not out, M A Roseberry 145 not out)

BOWLING. du Preez 3-0-12-0; Thomson 3-1-8-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Immigs

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*J Suddite a Scott b Brown 65

A C Reley o Brown b Birbeck 3

G A Khan b Boiling 33

M A Wagh b Killeen 2

H S Malik not out 1

Extras (b 8, rib 2) 10

BOWLING: Brown 15-5-26-1, Belts 14-0-45 0: Birback 11-0-56-1; Boking 26-8-50-1, Killeen 13-1-42-1

Wast Ham 1: Blockburn 3 Wirnbladon 2: Manchoster United 1 Leads United 0; Newcastle 1 Southampton 0; Notengisare Forest 0 Country 0 Sheffield Wednesday 0 Cholese 0.

Jackpot not won (pool of £32,600.71 carried forward to Newbury today). Placepot £37.50. Ripon

Goling: good to firm

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2.30 (5h) 1, Statesaman (K Derley, 9-2), 2,
Romen Imp (4-1), 3, Bolero Boy (12-1) Plan
For Profit 7-4 fair 10 ran Nr. 31 M Chantrion.
Tota: \$5.20; £2.00; £1.80; £2.00 DF£27 00. Tino: £76 40 CSF: £24.63.

3.00 (5h) 1, Lago Di Varano (J Carroll, 7-2);
2, Ls Suquet (100-30 tayl: 31, John
O'Dreams (20-1); 31, See-Deer (9-2) 10
ran 184, 184 J Berry Tota: £4.90; £1 60,
£1 4n Sea-Deer 20.80; John O'Dreams
£1 70 DF: £7 90; Trior Lago Di Varano with
Ls Suquet and John O'Dreams, £24 70;
Lago Di Varano with Ls Suquet and SeaDeer, £4 50 CSF: £15 18

3.30 (11m) 1, Al Shefa (K Darley, 9-2); 2

5.20 (5i) 1, Muchea (Fi Hughea, 8-11 lav); 2, Haracomestheknight (3-1); 3, Exit To Pio (7-1), 4 ran 3141, 141 M Champon, Toler £1,90, DF: £1,90 CSF: £3.31, 1min 00 47;sec. Quadpot: £2.20,

Placepot: £160.70,

Quadpot £42.80. Going: good to soft 2.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Thursday Night (L. Wyer, 6-1); 2. Poster's Bey (5-4 text; 3. Chapped Out (7-2), 10 text, 34, 41, 7). Pasperalt John Ed. 25, 61.20, 11.30, 61.70; DF, 65.30, Tno. 69.60, CSF, £13.25. 2.50 (3m 3i 110yd ch) 1, Royal Jester (Mr C Storey, 5-2 fav); 2, Cercusel Rocket (9-1), 3, Southern Ministral (9-1), 9 ran. 294, 101 Mrs J Storey, Totale (2.20); 21.10, £1.80, £3.70. DF: £10.10 Trio: £48.60, CSF: £22.07 3.20 (2m hdie) 1, Elpidos (R Gamity, 7-4):-2, Shrang Edge (100-30); 3, Wasdom (8-1). Altume Dancer 11-8 fav. 5 ran. 91, (41 M Hammond, Tose: 53.00; 51.20, 51.80, DF C3.50 CSF 57.68

3.50 (3m 1) (h) 1, Ninta (A Dobbin, 3-1); 2.7 Pirms Gunner (5-2 lay); 3, Sunley Bay (5-2), 6 ran 3/51, 7i. G Richards, Tobs. (3-66; 91,90, 91,30 DF: 64 90, CSF; 99,94 4.20 (2m ch) 1, Port in A Storm (Mr C-Bonner, 4-1); 2. Lochnagram (5-2); 3. Monitove (8-4 lev) 5 ran 2; 1½!. Mr Hammond, Tote: 56-20: 22-20, 52:00. DF: 55-50 CSF: £13.06.

4.55 (3m 22 110yr hdle) 1, Ostowa (A P McCoy, 6-1); 2, Cats Run (33-1); 3, Newton Point (3-1 tay), 11 ran Nk, st. P Nicholis. Core E5 20; 51.60, 52.60, 52.20, DF: 543 60 Tro: 541 70, CSF \$141.37 Tricast 5544 47.

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Beauchamp King dents Hern's classic dreams

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

DICK HERN uttered just four words as he watched on television Alhaarth being beaten in his 2,000 Guineas trial at Newmarket yesterday - but they found an immediate echo with one of the more famous misfortunes in British

sporting history. Well, there we are, the trainer of 17 classic winners said from his wheelchair in the clerk of the course's office after Beauchamp King had defeated his 2-1 on favourite by

a neck in the Craven Stakes. Little did he know, but the same words were used 26 years ago by Henry Longhurst, the greatest golf commentator of all time, as he saw Doug Sanders miss the now infamous short putt on the 72nd hole of the Open at St Andrews which would have secured victory from Jack Nicklaus.

The desolation felt by Sanders was every bit as painful for Hern as a winter of dreams disappeared, possibly temporarily, more likely for ever. Like Sanders, who went into a subsequent play-off, Hern has a second bite at the cherry in 15 days' time. But the disappointment which was etched on the face of Hern and Willie Carson in the winner's enclosure suggested they believe they have as much chance of winning the 2,000 Guineas as Sanders had of beating Nicklaus in that play-off.

"Didn't blow at all." Hern said as he looked at the horse who has been the short-priced favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby throughout the winter. He shook his head, almost in disbelief.

Any thoughts that Alhaarth, reportedly a lazy worker at home, might have needed his seasonal reappearance were quicky dispelled. "He would not have blown a match out. I think the race will have done him good and I am quite happy to be back here in a fortnight. He's run a good race and it's done him good. The whole object of running was to give him the benefit of a race." Maybe, but no excuses were being offered by Angus Gold.

racing manager to Hamdan champ King had travelled ominously well throughout the race and when John Reid not offering any excuses. With hindsight, perhaps he should have let him bowl along in front."

in contrast to last season when Alhaarth always tended to be at the head of affairs, he was deliberately held up as Rio Duvida and Polaris Flight set a modest early pace. He loathed the change in tactics and was soon pulling for his head and desperate to get on with matters.

With the early leaders giv-ing way as the field made its way to the Dip, Alhaarth inherited the lead and for a moment looked as though he might pull away from his four rivals when meeting the rising ground. However, Beau-

Blue Duster, a 4-1 chance with

Ladbrokes, contests the fillies'

classic on May 5 without a preparatory run. "The plan was to do a bit more, but the

ground was clearly too firm,"

her trainer, David Loder,

said. "The whole point of the

exercise was to bring her up to

the racecourse and get her

back in the spirit of things.

Blue Duster has workout

BLUE DUSTER continued her preparation for the L000 Guineas with a gentle workout after racing at Newmarket yesterday (Julian Muscat writes). The Danzig filly covered seven furlongs with Verzen, her lead horse, in a gallop conducted at a safe pace on the prevailing fast surface.

Ridden by Mick Kinane,

pulled him out to make his challenge, the upset was there for all to see. Beauchamp King, winner of the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster, is owned and bred by Erik Penser, a Swedish banker based in England, who was given the winner's dam. Afariya, as a gift after she had successive years.

John Dunlop, trainer of the winner, reflected: "He did much better last year than his pedigree suggested and all this spring he has done everything right and there have been no problems. But he's not an impressive worker and I just hoped he had managed to progress from last year when I thought he was ten to 121b behind the very best."

As bookmakers shuffled their ante-post odds. William Hill and Coral retained Alhaarth as favourite, while Ladbrokes went 2-1 the pair.

Perhaps the most significant betting change involved Storm Trooper who, 35 minutes earlier, continued Henry Cecil's hot streak by winning the Feilden Stakes in striking fashion. The 33-1 offered by Hills for the 2,000 Guineas



The grey Beauchamp King ends Alhaarth's unbeaten record in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

NEWBURY

3.40 ASHJAR (nap)

4.45 Spaniards Close

4.15 Divine Quest

2.10 Granny's Pet 2.40 Air Quest

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 BOSRA SHAM (nap). 3.40 Polst Prince. 4.15 Divine Quest.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.10 BECKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,753: 51 34yd) (13 runners)

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SREARNY'S PCT (Ales D Arbit) P Caple 9-0.

GRANNY'S PCT (Ales D Arbit) P Caple 9-0.

GROVEFAUT FLYER (Grovefair pic) B Meetan 9-0.

RANGIVER SOUMER (B Lebover) R Hanton 9-0.

LUCAYAN (EACH (B Gobby Let) B Sobby 9-0.

PETILA BOY (Clark Inducate) Services) M McCommas 9-0.

BETTENG: 7-4 Daylight in Dahal, 9-2 Pelham, 5-1 Graeny's Per, 8-1 Referendom, Eager To Pleace, 10-1 Hangover 1995: POLISH LESION 9-0 L Deltori (7-1) J Gestlen 13 rao

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DAYLIGHT IN DUBAI (foated Apr 4). Half-brother by limitight Agende to several winners, notably top-class invente Sri Peten, winner of Covernly States. FRAMOV'S PET (feb 9, cost 46,0000gps). Half-sizer by Setaint to 1m winner Western General and Im 29 winner Western Sat, dam half-sizer to tight. Setaint Sri Cam half-sizer to tight. Schooling to the second over 1m-1m 21 at time. REFERSH-DUMI (Feb 21, 35,0000gps). Brother by Common Grounds to the second over 1m-1m 21 at time. REFERSH-DUMI (Feb 21, 35,0000gps). Brother by Common Grounds to the second over 1m-1m 21 at time. REFERSH-DUMI (Feb 21, 35,0000gps). Brother by Common Grounds to the second over 1m-1m 21 at time. REFERSH-DUMI (Feb 21, 35,0000gps). Brother by Common Markov Common State (Feb 21, 31,0000gps). Brother by Common State (Feb 21, 31,0000gps). Brother by Common State (Feb 21, 32,0000gps). Brother by Common State (Feb 21, 32

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2.40 PETER SMITH MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,785: 1m 3f 5yd) (11 rumers)

APP CALEST (K. Abdolis) P Charleton 9-0

5 EWAR BOLD 13 (A Richards) C Britain 9-0

MCHAWK RAYER (Shelph Michardment) M Stoole 9-0:
SANTELLA CAPE (R. Tajaro) R Harmon 9-0

SET ADRIFT (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cardl 9-0

SMART PLAY (Mrs & Ward) Nat J Ceal 9-0

TRIBAL MOON (P Sawill Los) Hember 9-0

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1996: TAMURIE 9-0 I, Detion (9-4 tax) J Gosdon 15 /20

FORM FOCUS

AR CLEST: Brother by Rainbow Quest to Derby writter Duest For Forme and useful stayer Silver Rainbow. EWAR BOLD 21 Sh of 7 to Prospector's Cove in Kennjan conditions race (Im 21, good). Stay In the Propose of the Stay ADRET: Hall-brother to winners, including useful French St javestle winner Steinsty. ASE OF Selection: SMILIN N WISSEN (Im, soil).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr. 4.35 Moynsha House. Newbury: 4.45 Daring Destiny. Thirsic 2.15 Gymcrak Hero.

3.10 DUBAI DUTY FREE FRED DARLING STAKES

1-2 Bosin Sham, 5-1 Najiya. 6-1 Sili Masque, 8-1 Miss Uminesal, 10-1 Phase Suzame, 12-1 Flying

> 1995: ADAARID 9-0 W Carson (9-4 ji-tav) J Dunlog 8 ran **FORM FOCUS**

3.40 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,380: 1m str) (7 runners)

407 (r) 050- LITTLE MILLUE 183 (T Pastros) P Hayward 8-7 F Lyoch (5) 78 Long handicap: Little Mills 7-7. BETTHER 9-4 Action, 7-2 Carbuston, 4-1 Tearnests, 5-1 Polar Prints, 6-1 Decision Maker, 10-1 Therbea, 25-1 Little Malte.

1995: CRUMPTON HILL 8-1 Paul Eddery (12-1) N Septem 14 ran

FORM FOCUS POLAR PRINCE best Steller Line 1941 in 16-mmor Haydock matters (77, good), pendisraste start, start states (77, good) pendisraste start, start s

4.15 BRIDGET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

(3-Y-0: £4,013: 7f) (19 numers) ALAYMA, IA-Malatorm P Walnyn 8-11
AURTY, IAME (P Locke) B Hills 8-11
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE (P Tehanign) B Hannon 8-11.
COMERCE GREEN, M Langel B Hills 8-11
DESERT SIGNABER (T Hants) M Bell 8-11
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DESERT CASTING (C Stager) P Cole 8-11
ROWTOW (T Berkey) M Lister 8-11
AURES A CASTING (S Stager) A Lister 8-11 KONTOW (T Borke) M Lighter 8-11.

LARISSA (Shelish Motermeed) & Wagg 8-11.

LINDA (S Messen) C British 8-11

POANDAN (Shyline Racing Ltd) P Neidin 8-11

SANDHILL (N Abdulla) J Gestlen 8-11

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SANDHILL (N Abdulla) J Gestlen 8-11

SAND RELL (N Lone) J Durling 8-11

TAIGNS LIBERTIES (N Sanguer) P Chappin-Hyara 8-11

WHESPERED MELLODY (Mrs. P Harris) P Harris 8-11 516 (15) 517 (5)

BETTIME: 3-1 Oiring Quest, 9-2 Sandhill, 5-1 Taking Liberties, 8-1 Larisse, 10-1 Satin Boll, Emy Coasting, 12-1 1995; TARHHED 8-11 W Carson (13-8 aw) J Gusden 19 ran FORM FOCUS

BOMBAY SAPPHIBLE: Sister by Be My Chief to 1 SAMONFILE: Sister by Denehild to 2 winner abroad 100-100 11 without My Gina; duen won in Itahy. SATH BELL: Half-sister by Midyan to 61 winner DAYME OURST: Sister by Nots to separat French Sarr Turby TAXONG LIBERTIES. Nati-sister by Soviet Starr, duen stayer.

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance.

4.45 NEWBURY RACECOURSE SHOPPING ARCADE RATED HANDICAP

dicapt How's Yer Father 7-13, Tatabbus 7-9, Mactarlane 7-7. BETTBRE: 4-1 Lord High Admiral, 13-2 Top Barana, 7-1 Jayanete, Spark Analo, 11-1 Carling Desiliny, 12-1 Brave Edge, Lermox Lewis, 14-1 Juliers. 1995; ROYALE FIGURINE 4-9-0 W R Swirtburn (12-1) M Fetherston-Godley 14 cm

FORM FOCUS

CARRING DESTRIY 111 7th of 8 to Fire Dome in Sassedo in conditions race at Yarmouth (5), firm). Stand race at Domacater (6), soil), SPANIARDS CLOSE 37 2nd of 16 to Domada in handicap at Domacater (6), good to soil with BOWDEN ROSE (5) to better off) 3541 7th and LENNOX LEWIS (20) better off) 3541 7th and LENNOX LEWIS (20) better off) 3541 7th and TAFAHFIUS (40) better off) 3141 7th and TAFAHFIUS (40) be

5.15 THATCHAM HANDICAP (£5,248: 2m) (8 runners)

| 1 | 53 | 012 | CORRADIN 198 (F) (K Abdita) | R Cecil 4-10-0. | Pat Eddery 87 | 1 | 7 | 4000-1 | SHADRIVAN 28 (D.F.G.S) (C Bath) R Alabary 5-5-5. | T Quant 28 | 3 | 2000-34 | GOLDEN ARROW 13 (S) (P Medica) | Basing 5-8-13. | Loadert 29 | 6 | 12520/2 K AbdASTROF 6 (S) (A Palary B Dickin 6-8-13. | Dane O'Well (S) 96 | 5 | 3 | 2435-0 | CYPRESS AVENUE 13 (C Spenier-Palary R Hamon 4-8-13. | R Partiero 96 | 4 | 6-65200 | JOHNS ALT 6 (V.G.S.) (Light Breen (Boulsmain) Ligh D Hight Joses 5-9 J Reid 19 | 7 | 10 | 001/ (KAMINATE 38) (S) (Balor B Gallenbury) J White 6-8-0 | B Doyle | 4 | 2 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 4 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 4 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E Houghton) J More 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E HOUGHTON) J MORE 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E HOUGHTON) J MORE 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E HOUGHTON) J MORE 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E HOUGHTON) J MORE 4-7-13. | J F Egan 91 | 1000-52 | WITNEY-0E-BERGERAC 13 (C.S.S) (E HOUGHTON) J MORE 4-7-13 | 1000-52 | 1000-52 | 1000-52 | 1000-52 BETTING: 2-1 Statingen, 7-2 Golden Acoust, 9-2 Corpolini, 5-1 Widney-De-Bergerac, 8-1 Kadastrol, 10-1 Cypercs Agenue, 12-1 Johns Act, 20-1 Ramilaze. 1995: BOLD GAIT 4-9-10 D Hardson (4-1) J Fatchaum 10 can

FORM FOCUS

3.05 HELHOUSE QUARRY HANDICAP CHASE

1 F11F OLD BRIDGE 22 (D.S.S) A harrell B-11-10 8 Michiell
2 1850 MASTER BOSTOW 22 (D.S.S) R Woodbass 8-11-8 L Wyer
3 6103 WIND FRINCE 11 (CD.F.S.S) & Robusts 11-11-3 B Harring
4 -111 MAJOR BELL 41 (CD.F.S.S.) A Whitean 8-10-7 A Dobbin
5 1921 FIVE TO SEVEN 8 F.S.S) C Thomton 7-10-3 (Ser) - P Carberry
6 -064 R/MRY OLD BAME 41 (CD.S.) D McCare 9-10-0 A Thomton

9-4 Old Bridge, 3-1 Five To Seven, 7-2 Major Bell, 4-1 Master Boston, 6-1 Wind Force, 16-1 Future Old Game.

 $4.05\,$ royal highland fusiliers challenge Cup handicap chase (23,847: 2m) (6)

1 2904 POLITICAL TOWER 20 (CD.C.S) N Noon 9-11-11 T Read
2 3213 REWLANDS-GENERAL 10 (UBFG.S) J Pictycoid (10-11-5 M Dwyer
3 1222 DE JEROJANI (SA (D.F.S) W Commiglian 9-11-5... R Durnstoid
2 2155 ONE FOR THE 9-17 of CD.F.G.S. N SA NARogista 11-11-0 M FOREY
5 4654 RODGO STAR 10 (B.CD.F.R.S) N Printer 10-10-9 J Rolling
6 4241 DEAR DO 13 (B.F.G.S) N Newtown 9-10-7 M A Regional

2-1 Dear Do, 5-2 Mandands-General, 5-1 One For The Pol, 6-1 De Jordess, 7-1 Political Tones, 8-1 Rodge Star.

1FFP SONSIE MO 10 (D.F.G.S) Mrs S Bradhume 11-11-12 A Wast (5)

4.35 CARRICK COWIE TORRY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,941; 2m) (12)

3.35 HAMILTON CAMPBELL ILPH NOVICES

CHASE (£4,269: 3m 1f) (4)

CORRADINI 4f 2nd of 3 to Bahamian Surshine in conditions rich at York (Im 6l, good) SYAD-RIVAN heet Nagan 5f in 20-namer fradicap at Observative (2m 8, good to soil).

KADASTROF head 2nd of 12 to Purple Splash in Handlacap at Warntot, Imm 71, good in soil) with JOHNS ACT 26I 7th KAMMIKAZE best Fools Errard

Selection: WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC

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Air Quest can

take off in style

NEWBURY BBC2

2.40: Smilin N Wishin has by far the best form of those to have run as a two-year-old, finishing a good second to Classic Eagle at Chepstow. Peter Chapple-Hyam has his horses well forward and boasts a high first-time-out strike-rate with his three-yearolds. The Lyphard's Wish filly holds an Oaks entry and looks sure to acquit herself well, but I just prefer the chances of the unraced Air Quest. He is a

full-brother to Quest For

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AIR QUEST (2.40 Newbury) Next best: Brave Edge (4.45 Newbury)

who began his three-year-old career by winning this race.
3.10: Henry Cecil has made an

excellent start to the season and it will be a serious setback if Bosra Sham is beaten here. The impressive winner of the Fillies' Mile at Ascot is a warm favourite for the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas and has been delighting Cecil with her homework.

Form students will pay close attention to how the progressive Najiya performs as John Dunlop's filly finished third to Blue Duster, second favourite for the 1,000, in the Cheveley Park Stakes. The Nashwan filly has a lovely stride and has been working well at Arundel. but may be better in the summer according to her

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION trainer. Silk Masque justified

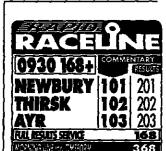
a tall home reputation by winning her only start at Goodwood and will be suited

3.40: Ashjar looks best in at the weights judged on his Lingfield victory, where he was well drawn, but Tom Jones has yet to hit top form and the Kris colt is not certain

to be so effective over a mile. Carburton, winner of two of his three starts, is clearly open to further improvement, but preference is for Polar Prince. The winner of a decent l6-runner Haydock maiden, he appeared not to appreciate being held up on his final start

but should go well here.

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2.15 Master Charter. 2.50 Baileys First. 3.20 Double Park. 3.50 Stolen Kiss. 4.25 Benatom. 4.55 Nashaat. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 PINE RIDGE LAD.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH BEST SIS

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yesterday as she recovered from a nasty fall on

board Simply Times at Newmarket on Wednesday. The jockey, aged 22, was being detained in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cam-

bridge, for observation but her injuries are not

thought to be serious. O'Gorman, was thrown

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to the ground when Simply Times, trained by her father, collapsed and somersaulted in the closing stages of the NGK Spark Plugs Bartlow Maiden Fillies' Stakes. It took paramedics more than ten minutes to remove O'Gorman from under the stricken filly, who made a remarkable recovery.

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Belgian runner keeping an eye on weather forecast for London Marathon

Rousseau has a head start on field

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

GERMAN SILVA, the New York City Marathon champion for the past two years, drewthe biggest laugh at the overseas challengers' press conference yesterday for the Flora London Marathon on Sunday. As a boy, Silva worked on an orange plantation. "I used to carry oranges on my back," the 5ft 3in Mexican said. That is why I did not grow much and why I am strong in my

Whether Silva will have the marathon's last laugh may depend on whether Vincent Rousseau can produce another of his scorching times. Rousseau sat quietly on one side of David Bedford, the élite race director, yesterday while Silva sat on the other, chirpily answering questions and making jokes. When Rousseau spoke, the tone was altogether more serious. He

The complete list of finishers and times will be published in The Times next week

seemed more content to save his breath for Sunday.

Although Dionicio Ceron. Silva's compatriot, is on a hat-trick of London Marathon victories. Rousseau is ranked alongside him as joint favourite. He is the only athlete to have beaten 2hr 08min twice and, though his training was interrupted in January by an Achilles tendon injury, he demonstrated his London potential by running thr 02min Obsect for the Stramilano halfmarathon in Italy three weeks

A marathon runner must use his head as much as his heart and lungs and Rousseau, from Belgium, thinks more than most. He refuses to race in warm weather because he performs poorly and, for that reason, will not even chance his luck in the Olympic marathon in Atlanta. "I have a

hot, my nose is completely

blocked." he said. When he went to the line for the Rotterdam Marathon last year, he was on \$100,000 to start. He could have run only a few strides to be eligible for his appearance fee but stepped aside as the temperature rose to 21C. "I know I cannot run well in the hot weather, so why even try?" Rousseau said.

He has been attracted to London because only once, in 1982, has the temperature reached that level, and then only fleetingly. Mid-race temperatures are usually between seven and 13C. But there is another aspect which sets Rousseau apart from most, if not all, other marathon

He goes so far as to say: "I think I am a little more intelligent than the others in my conception of training." Twice a week he trains in the morning before eating because, he says, he can simulate marathon running without travelling even close to full distance.

"In the first 30 kilometres of a marathon, you use carbohydrate and, in the last part, you use fat." Rousseau said. "If you eat, you need to run for one hour and 30 minutes before using the body fat. I run without eating because, after ten minutes of running, you start to use the fat."

Only 30 seconds outside the world best time of 2hr 06min 50sec in Berlin last autumn. Rousseau has his eyes on breaking it, though he is not suggesting he will achieve it in London. The world record is broken when you do not expect it." he said. "If you plan it, you lose energy because you are thinking too much during the race." That said. Roussseau believes London can be a world record course. though its fastest so far is 2hr 08min losec. "The women's world record was set here so it

Dinsamo, of Ethiopia, has stood for eight years but Rousseau predicts that Paul Tergat, from Kenya, who set a must be possible." he added. half-marathon world best in Stramilano, can go two min-

he needs to get in quickly. The utes quicker than Dinsamo. world mark, held by Belayneh "If I beat the world record it will be by ten or 15 seconds," Rousseau said, adding that 2hr 04min or 2 hr 05min was not within his range.

According to the forecast.

rain on Sunday. Rain, also, is not to Rousseau's liking. "It makes your shoes heavier," he said, adding that a wet surface slows runners down because of the loosening on road grip. His first consideration on prove the strongest in London's 16-year history. With a lot of potential winners, I do not want to lead and get a knife in my back," he

said. When the knives are out, Rousseau may be the one



Rousseau refuses to run when the temperature gets too high and will not run in the Olympic marathon in Atlanta

there is a 70 per cent chance of Sunday is to win; the field may Men from Atlanta flounder on Olympic tide

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN ATLANTA

THE Great Britain hockey team came to Atlanta to gain experience for the Olympics. They left yesterday, at the end of a week of chaos and connedy, with a respectable third place in a strong sixteam invitation event — and a message as old as the Mayflower. In the United States, all is not quite what it seems.

Having been promised an early feel of the two Olympic pitches, they arrived to find one unplayable and the other unusable for contractual reasons. A practice pitch was described by the team manag- ta University in time for the

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worst I have ever seen for international hockey. Five members of the 14-man squad were so disillusioned that they voted to return home without hitting a ball.

"I thought Orlando was the world." Whittle said. "I was wrong, it turns out to be Atlanta." If banging heads Olympic sport, Whittle would win gold.

Over the past week, he has cajoled, persuaded and bullied United States hockey officials into re-laying the second Olympic pitch at Clark Atlan-

er. David Whittle, as the last two days of the tournament, and into providing adequate medical facilities, decent changing-rooms and a team of

> On one memorable occasion, he was found hanging on to the side of a bulldozer directing building operations. When a construction gang turned off the main water supply minutes before the of Britain's match against India on Sunday, however, even Whittle's temper began to fray.

Ultimately, the fire brigade was called to water the pitch and the match had to be postponed for half-an-hour. much to the fury of Star TV. which had booked time on a satellite to transmit the game live to India. A seven-page report by Whittle, delivered to Hans Birtels, the executive director of the International Hockey Federation (FIH). would not make edifying reading for the hard-pressed organisers of the Atlanta Games or the 10,000 athletes

due to compete in them. The headline in the Atlanta Journal, the local daily newspaper, marking the start of the 100-day countdown to the opening ceremony on July 10, was not too encouraging, either. It read: "We're praying for sun" above a picture of a bombsite, which, on closer inspection, turned out to be the home of the Centennial Olympic Park. The revised date for its completion is July 13, which

leaves little margin for error. The official line, traditionally peddled by Olympic cities at about this time every four years, is that it will be all right on the night. And it will be. It **FINAL TABLE**

always is. But the experience

of the British hockey team has done little to dampen a widely held view that the Atlantans, enthusiastic and willing to the core, are only just beginning to understand the size of the task delivered to them by the might of Coca-Cola and the television dollar. On the field, David

Whitaker, the coach of the Britain team, has had to squeeze some benefits out of adversity. An intense, shrewd coach, who guided the 1988 side to the gold medal in Seoul, he has begun to instil some resilience into this team. That 1988 team were second in the world going into the Olympics, don't forget," he said, "This one is sixth, but we're making rapid strides in the right direction."

Thompson and Julian Halls, the side is developing a strong spine and, in the case of the latter two, a hefty East End accent. Thompson and Hails, the former from Hackney, the latter from Southend, have come through the ranks together and, now that their rougher edges have been smoothed a little by sensitive management, they have lent a streetwise toughness to the team which men like Sean Kerly and David Barber provided eight years ago. Occa-

WORD-WATCHING...

Answers from page 43 GUBBINS

(b) The wild and savage inhabitants of the neighbourhood of Brentor Devon. According to Fuller in his Worthies, 1661: "They lived in cots (rather holes than houses), having all in common, multiplying without marriage into many hundreds. Their language is the dross of the dregs of the vulgar Devonian. They held together like burrs." As explanation of the name. Fuller says: "We call the shavings of fish (which are of little worth) ASSHUR

(a) Originally the local god of Asshur, the capital of Assyria, he became the chief god of the kingdom. His symbol was the winged sun disc enclosing a male figure wearing a horned cap, often with a bow in his hand. His name was frequently linked with the goddess Ishtar of Nineveh. ISRAFEL

(b) The angel of music for the Mohammedans. He possesses the most melodious voice of all God's creatures, and is to sound the Resurrection Trump which will ravish the ears of the saints in Paradise. "In Heaven a spirit doth dwell! Whose heart-strings are a lute:/ None sing so wildly well/ As the angel israfel./ And the giddy stars (so legends tell)./ Ceasing their hymns, attend the spell/ Of his voice, all mute. CROTONA'S SAGE

(c) Pythagoras. So called because he established his chief school of philosophy and the sum of the square of the hypotenuse in a right-angled triangle being the sum of the squares of the two smaller sides at Crotona in southern Italy, circa 530 BC. Such success followed his teaching that Crotona became a decorous and intellectual university town.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

was sent off for dissent in the game against India and, though he claimed he was only doing what he had been told to do, was given a strong reminder the next morning of his duty to the team.

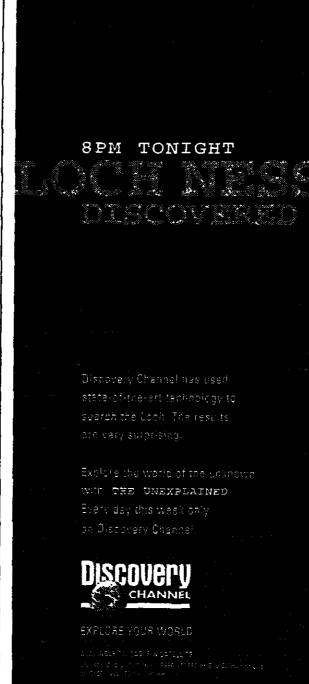
In the absence of an instinctive goalscorer like Kerly, this side relies heavily on stamina, graft and set plays. When Calum Giles, the short corner specialist, is out of sorts, however, as he has been here, goals are in short supply. "We have a lot of work to do in the final third of the field, Whitaker said. "But we've left some scars on this tournacompetitive, side and that's important. We have also learns to cope with the 'what if' factor, what

ing us now as a strong,

if the lights fail, or the match is postponed for half-an-hour? These things happen. We have had a lot of practice at coping with them here." With a tournament in Malavsia coming up in May and

a hectic schedule of warm-up matches thereafter, the Britain team will not fail for lack of minor) 10.00 Musical Encour preparation. Whether the same will be said of Atlanta in 91 days' time is open to doubt The city will be ready for the

ment. Other teams are regard- Olympics, but just how ready?



RADIO CHOICE Marching off into history

The Naval Music Deal. Radio 4, 9.30pm.

Kaleidoscope's feature is an obituary of the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal. It bugled and drummed and saxophoned and clarimetted its way out of Deal and into the history books last month. ctarmetted its way out of Deal and into the history books last month.

Many a seasoned bandsman must have gone all misty-eyed on the last day. By all accounts, the musical training at Deal was as arduous as the military training. "They say we're military first and musicians second," one bandsman says. "So you've got to look the part and do what you're told." Fishing the bodies of fellow servicemen out of the sea during the Gulf War was a task for which no amount of music-making alone could ever have prepared a Powel Marine. making alone could ever have prepared a Royal Marine.

The Classic Serial: The Constant Nymph. Radio 4, 200pm.

You won't require a hankie this afternoon as you listen to episode one of Margaret Kennedy's celebrated weepie, adapted for radio by Louise Paige. But keep a box of tissues handy for episode two on Sunday afternoon (repeated next Friday). The Constant Nymph is the ultimate in romantic novels. I doubt whether love's young dream was ever shattered in so many pieces. Maria Miles plays doomed Tessa, and Alan Cov is the componer Lewis Dodg, the chiest of her ever shattered in so many pieces. Maria Miles plays doorned 1essa, and Alan Cox is the composer. Lewis Dodd, the object of her affections. Florence, the dark cloud on the horizon, is played by Suzanna Hamilton. Errollyn Wallen composed the music that firmly stakes this somewhat dated story in the emotional soil of the 1920s.

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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CLASSIC FM

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6.00am Russ n' Jone 8.00 Richted Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00 Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor, Byrd (Mass for Five Voices), Schumann (Symphony No 1 in 8 flat, Spring), Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in 8 flat, Op 7 No 9); Brahms (Alto Rhapsody); Rossin: (Overture: Il torco in Italia); Strauss (Festive

Catnona Young, Mozart (Symphony No 32 in G, K 318); Chopin (Polonaises, Op posth: in 8 flat minor, 1826; in G flat, 1829); Elgar (Three Characteristic Pieces); Bruch Michin Conceets No 1 in G

(Violin Concerto No 1 in G presented by Piers Burton-Page. Artist of the Week Charles Groves conducts the English Sintonia, Delius (C English Sintonia. Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring) 10.07 Charpentier (Médee, Act 5): Schumann (Symphonic Studies, Op 13) ch (Tric Sonata in C minor,

BWV 5261 12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy. Includes, Juex, 12 etudes pour piano (Nos 4-7),

1.00pm Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Stravinsky Plus. Chris de Souza introduces chamber music by Igor Strevinsky, Anya Alexteyev, piano, Emperor Quartet, Also (Chaconne for piano); Prokofiev (Visions fugitives Nos 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 20); Shostakovich (Piano

2.0); Shostarovich (Hano Quintet) 2.00 Schools Let's Make a Slory 2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner

3.00 Mining the Archives. Performances by the oboist Janet Craxton, and recollections from her colleagues and frends introduced by Susan Sharpe 5.00 The Music Machine, with

Janice Forsyth

5.15 In Tune. Includes, Haydn Wood (Miniature Overture: Thr minor, H XV 19): Liszt (Psalm;

7.00 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, under Paul -Daniel Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Susan : ...;

dramatisation by Neil Cargitt. With Peter Capaldi, Gina McKee, Ricky Tornlinson, Saskia Reeves and Katy

Odey 9.40 A Selection of Songs, by Copland, Stravinsky and Barber, Cathy Berberian, mezzo, Thomas Hampso baritone, and Cheryl Studer

18.00 Here and Now, Includes, Birtwhistle (Hochetus petrus); Stockhausen (Zeitmasze); Birtwhistle (Five Distances); Jane Mielriczek (Bernard); John Buller (Scribenery); Manwell Davies (Aus marie

1.00am Composer of the Week: Georg Muffat. (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
Discs. Viscount Rothermere
talks to Sue Lawley (r)
9.45 African Harvest. Allan Little

(4/4) 10.00-10.30 News; Beyond Reasonable Doubt (FM

Kee, written by Rib Davis. With Sam Graham and David Plintou (5/6) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Women's Hour 11.30 The Natural History

Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme.
The tuture for Britain's hop industry 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, With Nick

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; The Classic Serial: The Constant Nymph, See

Choice (r)

3.00 News, The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Tim Marlow views the Jasper Johns sculptures on show at the Leads City Art Gallery and follows Andrew Goldsworthy as he creates new work in the

as incurences new ways as landscape 4.45 Short Story: The Frome Besketball Player by Michael Z Lewin, A tall American joins the Frome

Furies without ever having played a game of basketball in his life (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan

Dimbleby chairs a tooical Genare in Etaisauran, our Fermanagh, with journalist Paul Foot; Edna Longley, Professor of English at Queen's University, Balfast; Searnus Mallon MP, deputy leader of the SDLP, and David Trimble MP, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party 8.50 Points of Departure. Mertin Woollacott of the Guardian

describes the plight of the Kurds in northern train (5/6) (r) 9.15 Letter from America by

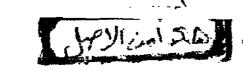
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10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Devil's Own Work, lan Holm

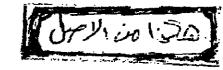
eads Alan Judd's prizewinning novella (5/5) 11.00 Mammon. Final part of a satirical sketch show about the activities of the mulitinational Mammon

Corporation, Written by Barry Allens, Will Buckley, Nick Hildred and David Spicer 11.25 Tea Junction
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book:

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PRECUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198 MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK MW 1053; 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Deer, lan Hughes, Rosemary, Smith and Susan Thomson





It isn't only the budget that's unrealistic

REVIEW

duction economies may yet make Ellington (ITV) compulsive viewing. Watching the plot unfold each week is like monitoring a worried skinflint on an office outing, dipping a hand into a pocket occasionally ("Here, no, let me"), but then simply taking it out again when the danger has passed. I have rarely seen a primetime drama as cheap as Ellington. Which is a shame, since the protagonist is supposedly a big-time sports promoter, in a world awash

"I'll have a champagne cocktail," he says at Langan's (Langan's is given a very big plug in return for the location). "Make that two," says his companion. But they do not settle to a fabulous lunch, of course; the next shot shows Ellington standing up to go, and saying "Mm, that was nice", like a child at a toys' tea party where nothing has been served,

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (42819)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7879426)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s)

12,00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (6705529) 12.05pm Room for improvement with Sean Ratterty and Denise Waterman (s) (8583819)

12.35 Going for Gold. Entertaining quiz show

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceeisx) (45906)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (44485838)

2.50 Today's Gourmet (r) (s) (2985877)

(r) (Ceefax) (9313529)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1819180)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceetax) (s) (1942884)

6.30 Regional News magazines (838)

(Ceefax) (s) (722)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (165074)

5.00 Six O'Clock News (Cestax) and weather

7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the game

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Philippa Forrester

8.00 HI-De-Hill Trouble and Strife. The

8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1819)

10.20 FILM: Another 48 Hrs (1990) with Eddle

Murphy and Nick Nolte. Sequel to 48

Hours. Disgraced lawman Jack Cates is

given 48 hours to come up with enough

evidence to convict the drugs kingpin

iceman. He can think of nobody better to

assist him than leaman's next target.

Recgie Hammond, Directed by Walter Hill

Fahey. A criminal psychologist involved in

a car crash undergoes intensive surgery

and emerges from hospital with a newly-

grafted arm that develops a life of its own. He then finds out that the arm belonged

to a serial killer. Directed by Eric Red (s)

News headlines and weather (7593778)

1,20am Weather (7593778) WALES: 1,20am

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11.55 FILM: Body Parts (1991) with Jeff

9.30 999. (Ceelax) (s) (691109)

(Ceetax) (s) (804797)

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show. (Ceefax) (s) (7797) WALES: 7.00 Don't Look Back (7797)

reports from The Netherlands on the

researcher who believes that cheese may

hold the key to the ideal mosquito trap.

Vivlenne Parry reports on body fat

classic comedy series set at Maplin's Holiday Camp in 1959 (r) (Ceetax) (9345)

asks the questions in another round of

the sporting quiz for celebrities (Ceefax)

3.15 Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (8632548)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1517432) 3.50 Monster Cate (r) (s) (8731567) 4.05 Casper Classics (r) (s) (4059628) 4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie (Ceelax) (s) (2714819) 4.35 Clarisas Explains it All (r) (Ceelad (9313520)

1.30 Regional News and weather (94376074)

2.00 Moon Over Miami (Ceefax) (s)

presented by Henry Kelly (s) (3634277)

6.00am Business Breakfast (11548)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (1002819)

but everybody has chewed air cops) at the first sign that she has rather solemnly. After ordering the drinks, you can imagine Ellington running after the waiter and saying: You did know we were just pretending about the champagne cocktails, didn't you?"

It's all like that. Just pretending. No. I'm quite happy with this glass of water, thanks. Night scenes in Ellington are filmed in daylight a so-called tennis star is never seen to hit a ball (someone must have checked the price of body doubles), and Mark Cox is flattered into appearing on screen [Mark COX?" "The Mark Cox?" says everybody), but is not asked to strike a ball either, because that would presumably entail a higher rate.

Viewers can be quite charitable about such details, if they can believe in the big story. But Ellington expects us to accept too many impossible things - such as. that a sports promoter would drop his young tennis star (and call the

engineered her own stalker, for publicity. I mean to say, what? You should have played by the rules. Julie," he barks, and reaches for the phone. "Police?" he says, The viewer has time only to think, "Hang on. Would he? Doesn't he? Wouldn't it be more interesting if?" before the show is over and the tennis girl is history.

story of more complex ethics unfolded in Reputations (BBCZ) which this week examined the last Shah of Iran. Tim Kirby's well illustrated film depicted this man as a self-styled visionary king who had no idea his people didn't like him; who refused to believe they resented his Western notions of progress. Growing up in the shadow of his ruthless father, Reza Khan, he lacked the requisite steel himself, and so at key moments hesitated for ran away) rather than attack his own

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people. Such an analysis did not quite account for everything, but it was certainly generous and humanising. It seemed to be saying that the Shah did his best, and that the tragedy of his failed kingship sets him alongside Shakespeare's Richard II at least.

Because it's true that the Shah believed in a very unfashionable idea: the divine right of kings. How interesting if that idea had appeal. Instead we were shown an unfinished statue outside the Shah's palace: two massive bronze legs, severed at the thigh, part of a projected monument to Reza Khan. It was a fabulous image, much more compelling than toppled statues of jumped up bureaucrats in Red Square. Yet it was left to the viewer to make the connection with Shelley's Ozymandias, with its vast and trunkless legs of stone ("Look on my works, ye

mighty, and despair"). Unlikely to be popular in Iran. this Reputations was a stimulating film about grand impractical ideas of leadership. As Iran's economy prospered, the Shah as-sumed his people would just be happier and happier. Clips showed Westernised Iranian women buying Mary Quant makeup; the Shah went skiing; the dour black and white film turned to glitzy colour; Orson Welles did

been explored, if only for its poetic voice-overs for state occasions. What more could those Iranians possibly want? That was the mystery to the Shah, and to be honest, it remained a bit of a mystery last night.

> T ow what's this? A horse in a car? A doggies' wed-ding? A pig in a stars-and-stripes hat? Why, it must be ITV's much heralded Hollywood Pets! Hollywood is a pool of excess which never dries; however sannical you might feel about it, there will always be a story that blows your diamante cat-collar clean off. Shadow, last night, was a lucky dog who went scuba-diving in a special suit costing "thousands and thousands of dollars". Well, as you can imagine, it's not something you see every day.

Mercifully limited to half an hour, Hollywood Pers attempts no analysis or history, of course. As viewers, we must be content to 111 go."

and "Look! Look!". But I did wonder whether these pet stories were all authentically "Hollywood". The owners of Patches — a domesti-cated grey horse, who watches westerns from the couch - were cheerful hicks with no evident connection to movie money. In fact, they sounded more like the Tennessee cousins of Joe and Eddie Grundy. ("Patches" might equally have been the name of their car.)

Patches was a real character, however, the Gromit of the equine world. He munched drive-thru cheeseburgers, slept on a bed. Unlike the other pets featured last night. Patches gave the impression of making his own choices, possibly as a pragmatic response to the no-good laziness of his hosts. His whole demeanour las he walked to the iridge for a beer, for example, or answered the phonel said "Oh, you just sit there, why don't you.

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6.00am Open University: Biology (7543074) 6.25 Oceanography (7562109) 6,50 Sassetti Chapel, Santa Trinita (8539451) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4623074) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (50884) 8.00 The Really Wild Show (r) (1239180) 8.25 The Little Polar Bear (r) (8657682) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (9424141)

8.40 The Record (8456161) 9.05-1.45cm Daytime on Two. Educational

programmes, including 11.20 Shakespeare Shorts: Romeo and Juliet (9076722)



12.00 English File: Death of Salesman (11118)

2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (73544616) 2.05 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (73543987) 2.10 Open View (73462068) 2.15 Racing from Newbury. The 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 races (576628)

3.55 News (Ceefax) (2807548) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (451) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (635)

oldest profession (s) (1703) 5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden (r) (Ceefax) (987)

6.00 Shooting Stars. Comedy quiz show (r) 6.30 The Champions. Fantasy espionage series (r). (Ceefax) (116345)

7.20 Watch Out. Simon King presents wildlife news (721155)

(s) (364) NORTHERN IRELAND: 7.30 Three Colours Cezanne 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport (Ceetax) (s) (7987)

8.30 Gardeners' World (Ceefax) (s) (9722) 9.00 Red Dwarf VI: Rimmerworld (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2161)

9.30 Pulp Video (r) (s) (41093) 10.00 Have I Got News for You (Ceetax) (s) (61677) 10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (239703)

11.15 Fentasy Football League (s) (301703) WALES: 11.15 Welsh Lobby (301703) 11.45 Farissy Football League (300074) 12.15am This Life (3426575) 1.00 Weatherview (7571556) 1.05 Underexposed (6293556) 1.20 Film

11.45 This Life (r) (Ceelax) (s) (814190) 12.35am Under Exposed: The Private Collector (s) (4088020) 12.50 FILM: Father to Be (1979) with Magnus

Harenstern. First in a short season of films by Lasse Hallstrom. A would-be novelist finds his life complicated by his griffriend's pregnancy. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom (Swedish with English subtitles) (645317). Ends at 2.40

CHOICE

Shakespeare Shorts BBC2, 11.20am

Television personalities do battle with the Pervision personaimes up taute with the Bard in a project designed to make Shakespeare accessible to schoolchildren. Here, as you have not seen them before, are Anna Friel of Brookside as Hermia, Patrick Robinson of Casualty as Mark Antony and Louise Lombard taking on Lady Marbeth. The productions bring the plays into the 20th century and offer novel interpretations of key characters. We start with Romeo and Julier and the scene in which the heroine is kicking against her arranged marriage. She is played by Marcelle Duprey, presenter of the ITV children's programme Delicious, in a Caribbean setting. Duprey runs clips of previous Juliets and is not impressed. She reckons they are too timid to be believable. Duprey's Juliet is strong and gutsy.

English File: Death of a Salesman BBC2, midday

Curiously, this is the first time British television has tackled Arthur Miller's famous play but the omission has been impressively remedied. A five-parter ostensibly aimed at schools, this is a production that deserves a wider audience. The budget may not stretch to elaborate sets but there has been no skimping on the human side. The director, David Thacker, is the foremost British interpreter of Miller's work, and the cast is so strong that Julie Aubrey and Pam Ferris appear in relatively Aubrey and Pam Ferris appear in reiaivery minor roles. Although you might not immediately recognise his voice or his face. Warren Mitchell is Willy Loman, the salesman returning to his Brooklyn home to reflect on a failed life. The challenge is to give an insignificant man a tragic dimension but Mitchell shows every sign of meeting it. Rosemary Harris plays his stoical wife.

BBC1, 9.30pm

You wonder how people get into these dreadful scrapes. If they didn't, of course, 999 would have to be taken off the air for lack of material. Tonight's rescues prove to be particularly nailbiting. A hang-glider pilot jumps off Ben Nevis for charity. But there is not enough wind and he falls like a stone. Also in Scotland, three part-time firefighters approach a smoking barn and are blown of their feet by a huge explosion. In Cornwall an 11-year-old boy playing on a rope swing loses his grip and ends up with a piece of tree branch through his neck. Regular viewers vill know to expect more or less happy endings, but not before the stuntmen and special effects teams have had a ball. Michael Buerk adds his usual plug for first-aid courses, though whether elementary lifesaving skills would have saved tonight's unfortunates is unlikely.

Have I Got News For You

BBC2. 10.00pm Forget Bosnia and Northern Ireland, The big missing from the new series of Have I Got is working on another project and will be back in the autumn. But in the meantime the show which turned Merton from a little-known fringe comedian into a celebrity may seem strange. His impersonation of the naughty schoolboy who refuses to do what teacher tells him will be much missed. Angus Deayton, however, is still in charge and with Merton away, lan Hislop may even savour a rare win. David Ashby, the Conservative MP at the centre of a recent libel case, is among tonight's guests. It is good to have the programme back though on past form a surfeit of wit over smut is probably too much

6.00am GMTV (8355780)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7950345) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6601884) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2387277) 10.35 This Morning (44187277) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6621513) 12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (3620074)

12.55 Murder, She Wrote: The Wind Around staming Angela Lansbury (s) (7509971) 2.00 Home and Away. (Teletext) (s) (54494600) 2.25 Chain Letters. (Teletext) (s) (54586635) 2.50 The Good

Health Guide (Teletext) (4822109) 3.20 ITN News headlines (Telelexi) (7687364) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7686635) 3.30 Rosle and Jim (r) (s) (8633971) 3.45 Zzzapi (r) (s) (8638426) 4.00 Talespin (r) (s) (2804451) 4.25 The Geeks [Telefext] (s) (2814838) 4.55 Hang On (s)

5,10 A Country Practice (s)(8523726) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (518797) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News. (Teletext) (257180) 6.45 Sportsweek. (Teletext) (120722) 7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. (Telefext) (s) (8093)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (890)



Leslie Phillips contemplates (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. Quinnan and Hollis must determine whether a pub-quiz champion (Leslie Phillips) is operating outside the rules. (Teletext) (1513)

8.30 The Upper Hand, Caroline has an offer to merge with another advertising agency (r) (Teletext) (s) (3548)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Live Wire. Army drama (r) (Teletext) (s) (9819) 10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (25513) 10.30 HTV West headlines and weather (447345)

10.40 Entertaining Mr Wedlock. A behindthe scenes look at the entertainment business (171884)

11.10 FILM: Rebel Rousers (1967) staming Cameron Mitchell, Jack Nicholson and Bruce Dern. A drama about a motorcycle gang who tenorise a small Arizona town. Directed by Martin B. Cohen (168203) 12.30am Hotel Babylon (s) (7410662)

1.10 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s) (8099662) 2.10 FiLM: Darker Than Amber (1970) starring Rod Taylor. A violent private detective drama directed by Robert

Clouse (330223) 3.55 Music Box Profile (21013285) 4.10 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (5664310)

5.00 On the Live Side. For Jazz lans (20204) 5.30 ITN Morning News (15285). Ends 6.00 As HTV WEST except:

2,50pm-3.20 Yan Can Cook (4822109) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (312432) 10.40 Friday Live (439616) 11.40 Hunter (864695)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (3638093)

1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79061529) 1.55 Home and Away (68098884)

2.25 High Road (54577987) 2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (4367744) 5.10 Home and Away (8523726)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (33074) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (25513) 10.30 Westcountry News (365797) 10.45 Film: Stealing Home (28068838)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3638093) 1.25 Chain Letters (79061529) 1.55 A Country Practice (44386513)

5.10 Shortland Street (8523726) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (312432)

10.40 The Diary of Jack the Ripper (60727971)

12.15am Tales from the Crypt: Strung Along. A puppet exacts revenge on the untaithful wife of his puppeteer Starring Donald O'Connor (9749469)

12.40 Hotel Babylon (7416846)

1.20 The Good Sex Guide ... Late

2.20 The Chart Show (7012846)

3.10 Dear Nick (2760107) **4.05 Jobfinder** (619455) 5.20 Aslan Eye (1984662)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except 12.55pm-1.25 Chain Letters (3638093) 1.25 Home and Away (79061529)

1.55 A Country Practice (44386513) 5.10 Home and Away (8523726) 5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (899180)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (33074) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (25513)

10.40 Only a Game! (171884) 11.10 Good Advice (804616)

11.40 The War of the Worlds (864695) 5.00am Freescreen (20204)

Starts: 6.25 Fifteen to One (3258155) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (35529) 9.00 The Golden Girls (11190) 9.30 Film: Four Men and a Prayer (62529) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon (54600) 12.00 Sesame Street (35432) 1.00pm Slot Meithrin (38616) 1.30 Blue Wilderness \$6068) 2.00 Film: Very Important Person (\$5068) 2.00 Film: Very Important Person (\$26887) 3.50 Terrytoons (7534616) 4.00 Jimmy's (819) 4.30 Bush Tucker Man (703) 5.00 Pump: Noc Noc (3971) 5.30 Fifteen to One (155) 6.00 Newyddion (510161) 6.15 Heno (965068) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (449529) 7.25 Jiwi Jiwi (527242) 8.00 Dei a Tom: Twii o Le (9155) 8.30 Newyddion (4890) 9.00 Operal 50 (4631) 10.00 Brookside (23156) 10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (240819) 11.10 Eurotrash (802258) 11.40 Flava (713155) 12.15am T.F.I. Friday (5511391) 1.20 Film: The Great Smokey Roadblock

6.25am Fifteen to One (r) (Teletext) (s) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (35529)

9.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) (11190) 9.30 FILM: Four Men and a Prayer (1938,

b/w). A mystery drama starring Richard Greene, George Sanders, David Niven and William Heory. Directed by John Ford (62529)

11.00 Tears of the Dragon. The last in the series on Mao's environmental legacy (r). (Teletext) (54600) 12.00 Fruity Stories (r). (Teletext) (s) (22426)

12.30pm Sesame Street. The guests are Tim Robbins and Marilyn Home (r) (41242) 1.30 Alfred J. Kwak (r) (68184635) 1.55 Land Above the Trees The flora and fauna of the Canadian Arctic (44384155) 2.20 FILM: The Weak and the Wicked

(1953, b/w) starring Glynis Johns and Diana Dors. Women's prison drama directed by J. Lee Thompson (549971) 4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (819)

4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (703) 5.00 Rescue (r). (Teletext) (3971) 5.30 An inspector Calls (r) (Teletext) (155) 6.00 T.F.I. Friday (aka Thank Four It's Friday). Chris Evans starts the weekend with guests including Desmond Lynam, Roger Moors and Andy Cole (s) (31616)

7.55 Book Choice. Humphrey Carpenter reviews Ray Monk's biography of Bertrand Russell. (Teletext) (s) (797838)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather. (Teletext)



The cook Patricia Hegarty (8.00pm)

8.00 Fruity Stories. Patricia Hegariy raids the hedgerows for fruit to make a damson custard tarl. (Teletext) (s) (9155)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4890) 9.00 Cybill. American comedy starring Cybill Shepherd. (Teletext) (s) (4529)

9.30 Father Ted. Comedy series about three priests on an island off the west coast of Ireland. (Teletext) (s) (36161) 10.00 Roseanne: Construction Junction.

he is form between job security and megabucks. (Teletext) (s) (23155)

10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? More comic satire from the master impressionist (s) (240819) 11.10 Eurotrash. Jean Paul Gauttier and Antoine de Caunes introduce items.

some in dubious taste, from everywhere in Europe (s) (802258) 11.40 Flava. A celebration of black music styles

12.15am T.F.I. Friday (r) (s) (5511391) 1.20 FILM: The Great Smokey Roadblock (1978) staming Henry Fonda. A gently amusing road movie. Directed by John

Leone (765049). Ends 2.55

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7.00mm Undum (89835) 2.00 Press Your Luck (849348) 9.20 Love Connection (9682074) 9.45 Open Writery (4100780) 10.40 Jeopardy (2644074) 17.10 Saly-Jessy Raphael (9152905) 12.00 Becchy (96828) 1.00pm hotel (71256) 2.00 Geraido (42345) 3.00 Court V (4432) 3.00 Open Writery (5607722) 4.15 Undum (9081971) 5.00 Szar Trak 6.00 The Simpsons (2703) 6.30 Jeopardyl (7105) 7.00 LAPD (3513) 7.30 M*A*S*H (2567) 8.00 Jeopardyl (7055) 7.00 Szar Trak (8.00 The Simpsons (2703) 6.30 Jeopardyl (7105) 7.00 Szar Trak (8.00 The Simpsons (2703) 6.30 Jeopardyl (7105) 7.00 Szar Trak (2454) 11.50 Melrose (95971) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (7013730) 12.45am The Trials of Rosle (71481 (9723448) 1.30 Anything But Love (54372) 2.00 His Mit (3402878) SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Barkleys of Breadway (1949) (9548) 6.00 Destination Moon (1950) (93762) 8.00 Interiors (1978) (12567) 10.00 Red Sonja (1865) (700867) 11.35 House of Gennes (1967) (119426) 1.20am The Lehaped Room (1963) (53622682) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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6.00mm Tonnny the Tornador (1958)
(44545) 8.00 Orbit the Astrodog (64567)
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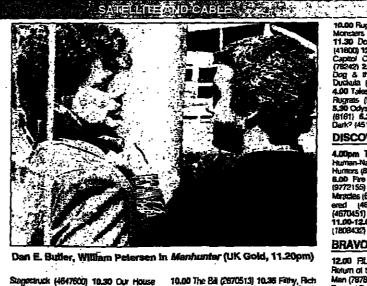
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Counties reject Botham for selector's role

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

RAYMOND Illingworth flew home from his holiday retreat yesterday with his authority as chairman of England's cricket selectors diminished. but with his dignity intact. The election to his panel of David Graveney and Graham Gooch was not of his choosing, but neither was it a resignation issue, as the inclusion of Ian Botham might Botham was predictably

and properly an also-ran when the 40 votes were counted. Graveney attracted comfortably the most support and Gooch, the England captain until 1993, was preferred to Brian Bolus, who was very much Illingworth's man, for the second position. The newly-elected pair will meet Illingworth and David Lloyd, the recently-appointed coach, at Chelmsford over the weekend.

Officers of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) were at their desks at Lord's before 7am, collating the last votes received by fax. alerting the parties involved and grateful to draw an appropriate line under a process that, this year. has received an exaggerated profile through the nomination of Botham.

Those who proposed him either did not know their man and his distinct talents, or they wished to embarrass Illingworth, who has been regularly and roundly condemned by Botham from his media platforms. It was an ill-judged campaign, supported by Botham's newspaper employers nature of the job concerned. By Wednesday, even some of Botham's closest playing colleagues, such as Allan Lamb and David Gower, were voicing doubts about his suitability, and the man himself admined his chances were slim.

Even after the election result. Botham's name dominated in defeat. "Botham

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snubbed" was one headline. "Botham reprieved" would have been more to the point. The post would not have suited him at all and he probably knows that now. He has never been a man for detail, nor one greatly con-cerned with the varying temperaments and abilities of those around him. He might have embarrassed himself as a selector, quite apart from causing disruption within an England hierarchy that now

requires stability. It will receive that from the spread of personalities now serving as selectors. Gravenev and Gooch are addicted to English cricket, wise and informed about its trends and its players. Moreover, they acknowledge the limitations of their role. As Graveney said just the foot-soldiers who go out and watch players. They

Symonds opts for England

ANDREW SYMONDS, the dual-qualified batsman who rejected an England A tour last winter, arrived back from Australia yesterday to sign a three-year contract with Gloucestershire that pledges his future to England (Alan Lee writes).

The issue of Symonds's ambivalence over his nationality threatened a players' strike until the Test and County Cricket Board acted to tighten the declaration of and by a public unaware of the availability for England that must now be signed by all qualified players.

Symonds, 20, was named as Young Cricketer of the Year in 1995 after averaging 56 in his first season of county cricket. have been influenced by his failure to establish a place in the Queensland side.

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can't influence how the team plays. The main men are the chairman, captain and coach, and that is how it should be."

Graveney's relationship with Illingworth has inevitably been strained by recent events surrounding the chairmanship. Graveney stood in opposition, and would probably have won the subsequent ballot had he not been persuaded to withdraw by the officers of the Cricketers' Association, of which he is the

salaried general secretary. At first, Illingworth bridled questioning if he could again work with Graveney. Wiser counsel has now prevailed and both men believe that there should not be a problem. "I wouldn't have allowed my name to go forward if I didn't think I could work with Illy. Graveney said. Illingworth concurred before leaving his Spanish villa and heading for busy weekend, which involves meetings in London today and the England A v The Rest match, a putative Test trial, that begins tomorrow.

Gooch is a modern groundbreaker in being chosen as a selector while still playing. It is not unprecedented - Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB, served as a selector while captaining Warwickshire in the early 1970s - and there are definite benefits in having the views of one who sees potential Test players at close quarters. "I have long believed it is a good idea in principle," Gooch said, "and I am delighted the counties think that way too."

Michael Atherton, soon to be reappointed as England tain, is also delighted, for he now has a coach and two selectors he would have handpicked. The elected pair give a thorough geographical spread to the panel, but what their effect will be on selectorial issues remains to be seen. The certainty is that Illingworth has lost power.

Last year, when there were only four selectors - of whom one, Fred Titmus, was a staunch Illingworth ally - the chairman could force through any decision with his casting vote. His increased authority as team manager also enabled him to be autocratic, such as in the extraordinary, though ultimately successful, reorg-anising of the team on the eve of the Lord's Test against West

That will not apply now. Indeed, as Lloyd, Graveney and Gooch are instinctively supporters of Atherton, there is scope for Illingworth to feel uncomfortably isolated. He is, however, nothing if not stubborn, and has now reiterated his determination to see out his final term as chairman. It promises to be an interesting

he Chicago Bulls hit 70

Association (NBA) record.

The Vancouver Grizzlies are

homing in on 69 and a new

mark of their own. But, while

Michael Jordan, Dennis Rod-

man, Scottie Pippen and the

rest of the Bulls measure out

their season in victories, the

Grizzlies, the baddest team in

the West, use defeat for cur-

rency as they keep busy

As the country celebrated

the Bulls' victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tues-

day night which took them beyond the Los Angeles Lak-

ers' total of 69 wins in the

1971-72 regular season, and

the experts embarked on de-

tailed analyses over whether

this really was the best team

in history. Vancouver pre-pared to try to stave off their

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Iain Sutcliffe, the Oxford University opener, drives elegantly during his innings of 65 against Durham at The Parks yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herber Six birdies for Faldo show that

master's touch remains intact

FROM JOHN HOPKINS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT** IN HILTON HEAD ISLAND

WHOEVER it was who first said "the more I practise, the luckier I get" has a supporter in Nick Faldo. It was the years spent grooving his new swing, after he had changed it in the mid-Eighties, that served Faldo so well when the pressure was at its greatest in the fourth round of the Masters.

The knowledge that his swing was technically sound enabled him to hit almost every shot as he wanted to last Sunday, and so win his third green jacket.

His self-confidence in his ability to reproduce the sort of shots on the course that he was able to hit on the practice range, which Norman was so singularly unable to do, was evident again in Faldo's opening round of 70, one under par, in the MCI Classic at the Harbour Town Links here.

This left Faldo four strokes behind the early leaders, who included Jim Furyk, whose swing was once described as being akin to that of a man trying to kill a snake in a telephone booth. Guy Boros and Ken Green were the other

apart from a couple of drives one that only travelled 200 yards from the 1st tee, and a mid-iron that was slipshod by his own high standards. clipped a tree and came down 75 yards short of the 12th green, he played perfectly

acceptably. In his late thirties. Faldo is showing how to marry his

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experience with advances in technology. He no longer goes running, for example, because of the damage that does to his joints. Instead, he uses a machine known as a power walker, on which he has become the best in the gym he uses at Lake Nona. He can power walk a mile in seven

Likewise, he has learnt how to practise. He no longer hits hundreds of balls because his back gets stiff. Rather, he goes to the practice ground with a specific aim of, say, manufacturing a series of shots, one he calls the chicken wing, another the bunt. Once he is

with his long game by Tuesday evening and concentrated for the rest of the week on getting comfortable with a new putting technique that David Leadbetter, his coach. had thought up for him.

"I stand as high as I can." Faldo said. "At first I felt really awkward, as if I was putting with a driver. But, on video, π looked fine and so I persevered. It worked, because I had only one three-putt all

"It enabled me to attack the hole confidently. I had had a tendency before to lift the heel of my putter up and hit with a

"I was missing too many of those eight to ten-footers that you want to hole, and so I was becoming tentative. Standing taller has solved that." He holed four putts of ten feet or more on the tiny greens yesterday.

Faldo's driving with his new metal-headed, T-zoid driver, which has given him as much as 15 yards extra length from the tee because the ball leaves the clubface with more spring and less spin, was evident again in the first round of this tournament, one he won 1984.

So was his artistry in shaping shots this way and that as required by the narrow fair-ways which are lined with his tee shot out to the left of the stopped near the stick. On the 16th, he drew his second shot in from the right, close enough to sink the putt for his sixth

and last birdie of the day. He tried to fade his tee shot over a long, thin bunker and on to the 17th green, too, but the finesse he had demonstrated previously temporarily deserted him and his ball ended in sand.

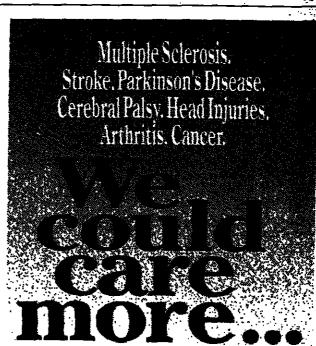
shaped shot," he confessed.

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Oliver Holt looks at the basketball team

who have become cult figures as a result of

their talent for losing they lost 19 straight games. Undaunted, they had another tilt at the record and, two weeks ago, they cracked it. When they lost 105-91 to the Utah Jazz in Salt Lake City, they made it 21 defeats in a

row and eclipsed the 24-yearold record. Now another new mark is looming. The Grizzlies must win two out of their final three games to avoid becoming the worst first-year, or expansion. side since the formation of the NBA. So far, they have won 13 games and lost 66. They are 49 wins back on the leaders of the Western Conference, the Seattle SuperSonics. The odds

are not good. ber, the Grizzlies, who are in But, as Bulls supporters came within one game of hung off freeway bridges and equalling the worst losing helicopters followed the team bus all the way from Chicago



to the Milwaukee stadium, the Grizzlies have found that their heroic failures have made them cult figures, too. Commentators have taken to calling them the Bad News Bears and other players have commended them for their spirit. "They're going through some tough times," one of the Jazz players said after the landmark defeat. "but they're trying to stop the bleeding."

ost of the attention has been lavished on their giant center. Bryant Reeves, who is known as Big Country. Before a January game against the Los Angeles Clippers. Vancouver hosted a Hair Country promotion offering any supporter willing to have his or

her hair cut in the same style

as Big Country's flat-top, two free tickets to the game. Only 28 stylists were hired for the event but more than 2,000 would-be victims turned up. "I know you've got to try to be positive and look ahead.

but this is very hard to deal with," Big Country said of his team's record losing sequence. If there is any consolation. their average margin of defeat has dropped from 14.1 points to 10.9 points.

Some link the travails of the Grizzlies to the glory of the Bulls, arguing that the expansion of the NBA with teams in Vancouver and Toronto has diluted the overall standard. It is not that the Buils are better, they say, just that the rest are worse.

It does not seem to bother Jordan and company too much. Their eyes are fixed firmly on the play-offs and another championship to cement their claim to be the team of the Nineties. "It was an ugly game," Jordan said. after the win in Milwaukee, "but sometimes ugly is beautiful." The Grizzlies could do with that kind of ugly, too.

Israel sees Iran as next in line for punishment

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Government's senior spokesman said yesterday it was now a "working assumption" that a Westernled coalition, similar to the one which drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in 1991, would launch a pre-emptive strike against Iran to prevent it obtaining a

nuclear capability.
In an interview with The Times. Uri Dromi, head of the Government Press Office, also said that any spectacular attacks on Jewish targets at home or abroad, as threatened by militant Islamic groups, would prompt reaction from Israel which would be "very, very drastic" and make Operation Grapes of Wrath, now battering Lebanon, pale by comparison.

Although Mr Dromi refused to give details of retaliation planned in such an event, there has been speculation it could involve an air attack on Iran's top-secret nuclear plant at Neka, 100 miles northeast of Tehran, or a bombing blitz to flatten the southern suburbs of Beirut, the stronghold of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah commanders.

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Speaking in his office, near where an Islamic suicide bomb recently killed or maimed almost all the Jewish passengers on a bus, Mr Dromi expressed Israeli frustration that only America and Britain had expressed support for the motives behind Israel's action in Lebanon.

His outspoken remarks came after reports that Israel and America had discussed the possibility of striking at Iran's growing nuclear capability during the recent antiterrorism summit in Sharm el Sheikh. Yesterday American intelligence reports quoted in the Israeli press said that Thinese experts were expected in Tehran this week to begin construction of a new uranium enrichment plant. It is consid-

Islamic government to acquire nuclear weapons. "If Iraq was an international hate figure in the 1991 Gulf

stage in Iran's attempt to

become the first revolutionary



Iran will be when it can intimidate the world." Mr Dromi said. "So looking ahead, Israel is sounding the alarm, just as it did in 1981 when we bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor and were initially condemned for it."

tially condemned for it."

He added: "It is accepted that an international coalition will eventually have to trim Iran's nuclear ambitions and its capability to disrupt peace and stability in the region. What is happening now against Hezbollah is merely a sideshow to the main action which will have to come. The Iranian strategy goes far fur-



Dromi: praised Major for criticism of Iran

ther than a threat just against Israel or Katyusha attacks from Lebanon."

It is an open secret that the Israel Defence Force has already undertaken training to maximise the effects of a long-range bombing raid against Iran. In the words of one Israeli military source, in the event of an attack against Jews causing a large loss of life "Iran would probably be the only address to answer to".

event of suicide attacks, such as those threatened by the 70 Hezbollah fighters who recently appeared on television in Lebanon with explosives apparently tied to their waists. Israel would abandon all

attempts to secure a ceasefire in Lebanon.

"If they pull a big one on us, we would be forced to deal with the Hezbollah in a different way," said Mr Dromi, who was appointed by Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister.

The spokesman, who has had to field much international criticism since Operation Grapes of Wrath was launched eight days ago, added: "Hezbollah is the spearhead of Iran's terror network and its attempt to undermine the Middle East peace process. The world has to understand that either Hezbollah is taken out and there is a peace process, or there is war, all-out chaos here."

He said that John Major was alone among 29 world leaders who addressed the Sharm el Sheikh conference, apart from Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, who had singled out Iran by name as one of the countries behind the terrorism threatening to destabilise the region. "Mr Major was the only one to call a spade a spade," Mr Dromi said. "He is very much to be commended for it."

There has been diplomatic speculation that the potential for future united action against Iran's nuclear plant, which is buried in a hillside, was discussed during this week's visit by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary.

Mr Dromi, a reserve colonel in the Israeli Air Force, underscored how world opinion had turned full circle and eventually applauded the 1981 raid on Iraq's Osirak reactor, once the full extent of President Saddam Hussein's belligerent intentions had been exposed. "We were accused of invent-

ing and exaggerating that [nuclear] threat at the time, and there were even annual calls at the United Nations for reparations which were eventually dropped in 1991," Mr Dromi said.

"I am afraid that, when you are in the front line, you have to take what appears harsh action before a threat can be realised."



An old man weeps for eight of his family who died during an Israeli air raid on Nabatiyet south Lebanon

Peres and PLO chief agree on security

FROM ROSS DUNN

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation yesterday resumed peace talks for the first time since the Jewish state was struck by the recent wave of suicide bombings by

Islamic extremists.
Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, praised Yassir Arafat, the group's chairman, for helping to make the meeting possible, saying that the Palestinian leader had

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cracked down on terrorists in areas under his control. "This meeting was devoted to security and we see eye to eye on it." he said.

it," he said.

The Israeli-PLO peace process had been suspended following the bombings in February and March by members of Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) and Islamic Jihad which left at least 61 people dead.

Under American and Israeli pressure, the Palestinian authority arrested 700 suspected Muslim militants, but failed to capture Israel's most wanted man. Mohammed Dief, commander of the Hamas military wing.

With the talks now revived, the Israeli Prime Minister said negotiations on the final status of the Palestinian territories would begin on May 4

Pressure on gambler Assad to play his hand

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

YESTERDAY was one of the bloodiest days in the Middle East for years. Amid the carnage there is only one man in the region who stands to gain from the slaughter of political hopes. President Assad of Syria.

One of the area's canniest and

longest-serving rulers, he has long been seen in Israel as the Jewish state's most single-minded and uncompromising opponent. For five years, since the Madrid peace summit. Syria has been negotiating directly with Israel. For more than two years, agreement has seemed within reach, yet, like a mirage, on coming closer it has seemed each time further away.

Israel is losing patience. Its onslaught in Lebanon, now a de facto

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Syrian protectorate, is intended to force Damascus to make a decision: peace or war. No American President or Secretary of State who has spent hours in negotiations with Mr Assad doubts he wants a settlement — but on his terms. As long as all Israel's neighbours held out for a comprehensive peace, Syria, could dictate terms. But with the signing by the Palestinians and Jordan of separate treaties, its leverage was lessened.

Mr Assad, angry but patient, refused to be rushed. The more America and outside powers pushed him to join the peace bandwagon, the more he dragged his feet. Syria has become a focus of Arab disillusion; his re istance made him again the man to be courted and won over; and his caution, he must now feel, has been vindicated.

Having lost the Soviet Union's backing, Mr Assad can no longer negotiate from a position of military parity with Israel. He was one of the first to see that America now holds all the main cards. But he still has enough of a hand to ensure there can be no settlement without him. Among his cards are: his tolerance of Palestinian opponents of the Oslo agreements: his friendly links with Iran, an open opponent of any political accommodation; his political and military control over Lebanon; and his readiness, at every crucial moment in peace talks, to use the psychological tactic of delay to

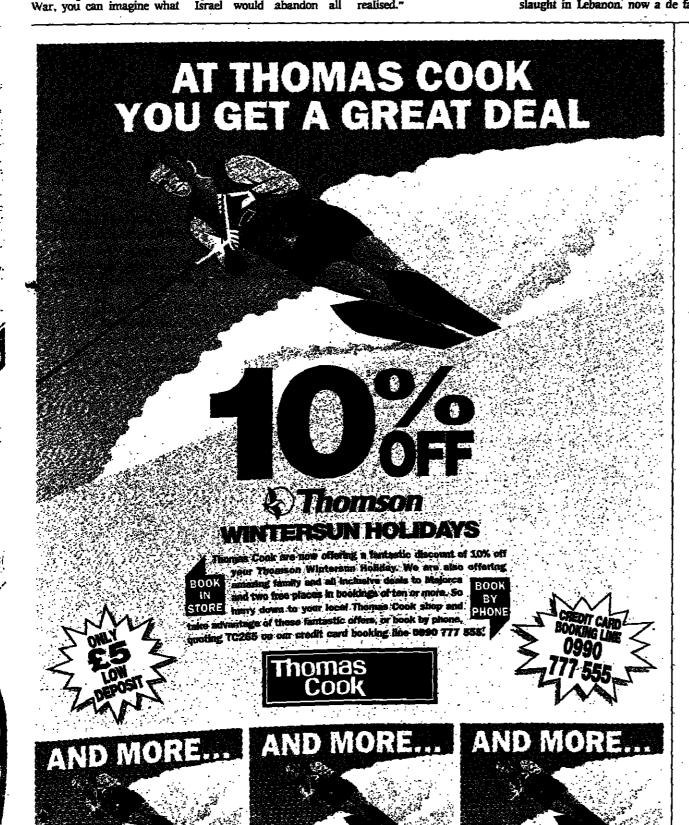
Mr Assad believes he can wait. There are disadvantages: Syria needs

force more concessions.

the greatly increased market access a settlement would bring. He risks the return of a Likud government in Israel, likely to renege on proposals to return all the Golan Heights. Syria might also be sidelined in the gradual acceptance of Israel by Arab countries in North Africa and the Gulf.

Against that, however, are the dangers of committing himself. The most important is the threat to his own regime. A peace treaty would bring huge popular expectations of higher living standards and pressure for a big cut in the swollen military budget.

Mr Assad is ultimately dependent on the military. He is in poor health and, after the death of his son, Basil, there is no clear line of succession. A peace treaty, an extraordinary volteface, would be a shock to the regime that could prove dangerous.



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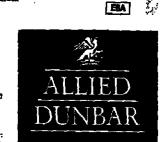
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Russia will offer pact to stop nuclear smugglers

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Kremlin will propose unprecedented co-operation beveen the world's most powerful intelligence agencies in an at-tempt to halt the threat of nuclear materials falling into the hands of terrorists or rogue states.

On the eve of the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries in Moscow, intended to reduce the threat of nuclear disaster a decade after the accident at Chernobyl, the Russians have made it clear that they are prepared to co-operate as never before to stamp out nuclear smuggling. "In the sphere of nuclear safety Russia suggests a transition from confrontation and rivalry to co-operation." Viktor Mikhailov, the Minister of

Atomic Energy, said. Western diplomats in Moscow said that an agreement would probably be signed tomorrow between the world leaders to tighten security around nuclear sites, to improve the accounting system for fissile material and establish an intelligence-sharing operation to shadow potential

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union five years ago, there have

been a number of reported thefts expected to tackle the problems of of nuclear material inside Russia. including six cases when either enriched uranium or phatonium, the basic components of an atomic weapon, were stolen.

This agreement will help to tighten the security around these installations," said an American official, who added that in spite of lingering Cold War suspicions, the Russians had admitted foreign experts into their most secret nuclear sites. The summit is also

ing and dangerous civilian atomic reactors still in operation across the former Soviet Union, including two reactors at Chernobyl.

The West, which is spending hundreds of millions of pounds to improve safety standards, will press for a commitment from President Kuchma of Ukraine to close the Chernobyl plant by the In spite of the lavish prepara-

he is trailing in the polls behind Gennadi Zyuganov, the Commu-nist Party leader, in what is

expected to be a tight race.
The summit held at Moscow's

initiative, could provide a useful

platform for President Yeltsin to

Already America, France and

Germany have come out in

support of Mr Yeltsin, warning

links to the West. By contrast there has been virtual silence

from the British side.

project himself as a statesman.

Pressure to endorse Yeltsin

Moscow: John Major arrived here last night facing intense pressure at the stummit of the Group of Seven industrialised countries to fall in line with other leaders and endorse President Yeltsin's re-election bid.

Although the summit is supposed to tackle the pressing questions of nuclear safety and security, there is little dispute among Western and Russian officials that the session has also been designed to benefit Mr Yeltsin's dection campaign. With less than two months to go.

tions under way in Moscow to greet the G7 leaders during the 48-hour summit, critics charge that the meeting will be little more than a talking shop.

In particular there has been criticism that no new funding will be on offer to help countries of the former Soviet Union to tackle the existing environmental problems and halt the threat of a new catastrophe.

"Instead of a state dinner, the G7 countries should perhaps hold a prayer breakfast," said Tom Cochran, an American environmentalist. The only thing standing between us and another Chernobyl is the grace of God." Also, it is widely accepted, even

by the participants, that a good part of the gathering in Moscow is intended to help to boost President Yeltsin's re-election campaign for June's vote. The Russian leader will take the opportunity of projecting himself as a statesman, while Western leaders are likely to endorse his candidacy against the strong challenge by Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader.

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Anti-drugs deal with Ukraine

FROM JILL SHERMAN

JOHN MAJOR last night signed an international agreement with Ukraine to introduce a tough programme against illicit drug trafficking

Mr Major announced the historic deal with Yevhen Marchuk the Prime Minister, during a one-day visit to Kiev aimed to show Britain's backing for Ukrainian independence.

Ukrame lies on the major drug-trafficking route from Afnanistan, Central Asia and India, through to Turkey and then the West.

The reciprocal deal will enable the Ukrainian and British Governments to freeze and confiscate illegal assets from drug and other serious crimes, such as fraud, theft and money laundering

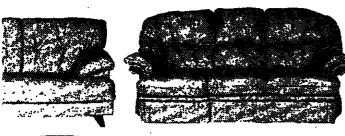
Britain has already made simi lar deals with 37 other countries, of which 26 are already in force After talks with Leonid Kuchma the Ukrainian President. Mr Major also announced a £20 million allocation from Britain's "Know How Fund" to money will be used to help



John Major receives a traditional bread-and-salt welcome at Kiev airport as Yevhen Marchuk, second right, Ukraine's Prime Minister, looks on

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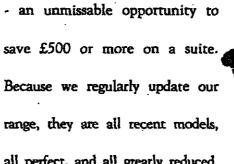


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on Berlusconi as campaign closes FROM RICHARD OWEN TN ROMB AS ITALY'S political parties wound up their election campaigns yesterday with festive open-air rallies before Sun-

Left turns guns

day's poll, the Left turned its fire on Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon, in a bid to stop him from becoming Prime Minister for a second time. But Signor Berlusconi, lead-

er of Forza Italia and Prime 1994, hit back at his critics and said he -intended to form Italy's next Government. Massimo D'Alema, leader of the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS) — the former Com-munists — said that Signor

Berlusconi's dynamic business ethic made him a bad statesman because he lacked a "liberal democratic background". Forza Italia officials replied that the democratic credentials of the PDS were open to question, and gave a warning that if the Centre Left, led by Professor Romano Prodi, won the election, Signor

D'Alema and other "Marxists" would pull the strings. In the last election two years ago. Şignor Berlusconi stormed to victory with the promise of entrepreneurial vigour. He was the main beneficiary of the 1992-93 "gentle revolution" which swept the discredited Christian Democrat old guard from power in the wake of the anticorruption campaign by "Clean Hands" magistrates in

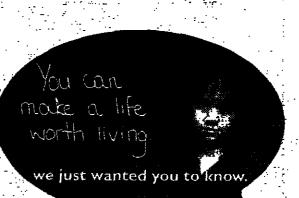
Milan. But-Signor Berlusconi was accused of corruption in his huge Fininvest business empire, and his Government fell at the end of 1994 when the senaratist Northern League withdrew. His trial in Milan. which began four months ago,



There were signs yesterday that the row over Signor Ber-lusconi's suitability for high office was causing strains within the Centre Right. President Scalfaro stepped into the closing stages of the campaign by expressing support for the magistrates. A furious Signor Berlusconi said he was being victimised. But Gianfrance Fini, the "post-Fascist" leader who dominates the Centre Right, said the magistrates activities were legitimate.

All signs point to a close race, with Italians disappointed that the 1992-93 reforms have not put an end to "revolving-door governments. Voters are anathetic. "After the hopes of three years ago, we have reverted to bad old ways, one journalist said.





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Imran Khan plans to hire bodyguard for wife after blast

IMRAN KHAN is planning to hire an armed bodyguard for his wife. Jemima, caught up in the turmoil of Pakistani politics. She has hardly left her home in Lahore since returning there on Monday, after a possible assassination attempt on her husband.

The bomb that wrecked part of the charity cancer hospital Mr Khan started in December 1994 may have gone off pre-maturely, he said yesterday. In other words, the bomber could have been waiting for him. Mr Khan said he was reassessing his own security and might also use a bodyguard. "aithough how much good they do I don't know".

His British wife was being given more security immediately. "It is tough for her, but I think she will be OK. She is not a target here. She will be safe. There is no reason why she should be made a target," Mr Khan said. "The message of the bomb was that I should stay out of politics. I always knew there was a risk for me." Asked if his wife would spend more time out of the country, he said: "Not at all."

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Mrs Khan was in London when the explosion ripped apart a section of the hospital on Sunday. The possibility that it was a failed assassinathat it was a failed assassina-tion attempt has left the couple Corruption had affected every

wondering how to protect themselves in a country where bombs and guns are easily obtained and contract killers readily available. The family home has scant security yesterday the front gate was unguarded and unlocked, and anybody could walk up to the

Asked if he had any theories about who planted the bomb. Mr khan replied: The unly problems I have had are with the Government." He added: Who would investigate a government agency? He plans to launch a political movement next Thursday at a press conference in Lahore. when he will announce its name and objectives. It will evolve into a political party in

time for the general election.

due in 1998. It appears Mr Khan has given up an earlier flirtation with Islamic fundamentalism. and the new organisation will be presented as religiously and politically moderate with its focus on social issues. "Our rulers have lavish lifestyles, with private jets duty-free Mercedes and palaces," he said, "but the rest have hardly any education. We are the fourth most illiterate nation in the world. There is no invest-

institution. Half the education budget was misappropriated. "Politicians are not there to serve the people but to get as much as they can out of the system. They have destroyed everything. We have been ranked the world's third most corrupt country," Mr Khan

There was a concerted campaign to get rid of his hospital because the popularity it had brought him was perceived as a political threat. He denied that he was using

the hospital as a political tool. although he acknowledged it had boosted his popularity. The way for the Government to counter that is to build another hospital or build two hospitals, not to stop this hospital functioning." Mr Khan said, "Government min-isters and officials accuse us of siphoning off money. I have no doubt the bomb was for my benefit. Somebody is very scared of me."



Imran Khan with his wife, Jemima, who has become caught up in Pakistan's turmoil

West angered by South African support for Libya

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

ter, for the lifting of United Nations sanctions imposed on Libya in connection with the 1988 Lockerbie bombing has again raised concerns over the country's foreign policy initiatives and sets President Mandela's Government on a

collision course with the West. Diplomatic officials from Britain, France and the United States in South Africa were vesterday having urgent discussions on the best way to voice their displeasure over what is seen as another

toreign policy glitch". Mr Nzo made his comments on Wednesday night at the end of a controversial threeday visit to the North African state. He told his Libyan counterpart, Omar al-Muntasser. that he fully supported Libya's "invitation" to end its current crisis with Western countries over the bombing of the Pan Am jumbo over Lockerbie. in Scotland, in which 270 people died. He also said South Africa supported the lifting of "unjust sanctions" imposed in

A CALL by Alfred Nzo, the South African Foreign Minis-Security Council after its refusal to hand over to Britain or the US for trial two suspects in that bombing.

Mr Nzo also stepped into the dispute over alleged chemical weapons production in Libya, airing assurances from his counterpart that no such plant was under construction. This month, the US accused Libya of producing chemical weapons at a secret plant and did not rule out military action against the plant.

The South African administration, led by the African National Congress, has repeatedly rebuffed attempts by the US and other Western governments to influence its relationship with countries linked to terrorism and dubious human rights records. Earlier this month. Mr Nzo visited Iran and announced the two countries were near concluding an oil storage agreement.

President Mandela has made plain he will stand by countries that supported the ANC in its apartheid struggle.

Migrants crackdown sparks row

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A PARLIAMENTARY report outlining tough immigration measures has sparked a political firestorm in France with human rights organisations, opposition MPs and even government ministers criticising the proposals.

The 46 new measures, presented by the Commission of Inquiry on Clandestine Immigration earlier this week, include fingerprinting visa applicants from some countries, schooling restrictions for "irregular" immigrants, and depriving illegal aliens of all but emergency medical care.

Junior Minister Xavier Emmanuelli yesterday condemned the ideas, warning of a possible upsurge in racism. "The proposals aiming to limit foreigners" access to health care are unacceptable and scandalous. Sick people have to be treated, whoever they are." the Secretary of State for Emergency Humanitarian Ac-

'Gangster' targets a good cause

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FRANCIS "The Belgian" Vanverberghe has confirmed his self-made image as a kindly gangster by donating more than £10,000 to a charity for drug addicts, two weeks after being acquitted of heroin smuggling.

The money was awarded to Mr Vanverberghe by the European Court of Human Rights after it ruled he had been unfairly imprisoned without trial by the French state for more than four years. Known to police as "the last Godfather of Marseilles", he was given a 12-year sentence in 1978 for his role in the "French Connection" smuggling ring. Doubts about evidence during Mr Vanver-berghe's latest trial resulted in an acquittal.

Abbé Pierre, the prominent Roman Catholic priest and charity campaigner who is to receive the money, described Mr Vanverberghe as "a gangster with a big heart who shows signs of repentance".

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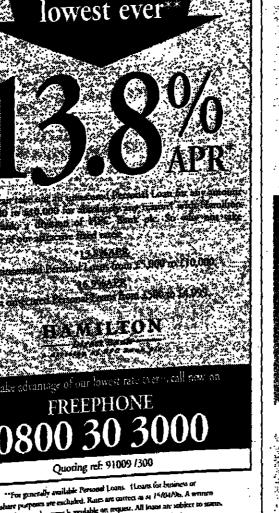
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for others involved in the bombing came to nothing.

Although he describes himself as a county-seat lawyer,

Mr Jones was an assistant to

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a congressional aide in Wash-

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The idea that two army drifters could carry out the largest terrorist attack in the history of the United States just by themselves delies all experience and logic. That is not the way terrorism works. To say that because McVeigh and Nichols read the Anarchist's Cookbook they could make such a huge bomb successfully by themselves is like saying you could become the world's greatest lover by

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Americans still in state of shock from day of terror

AN UNTOUCHED box of toys sits in one corner of Aren Almon's garage in Oklahoma City. They provide perhaps the most poignant reminder that her daughter, Baylee, would have celebrated her second birthday last night.

The previous year she had watched with adoration as her little girl plunged one hand into the birthday cake, blew out its single candle, and unwrapped the soft toys and the Sunday dress that had been her own special gift. The next day Baylee was one of 19 children who died when a huge fertiliser bomb exploded

where she was playing.
The portrait of the dead infant, cradled in the arms of a fireman outside the smouldering ruins of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, became an icon for an entire nation after America's worst act of terrorism. Yesterday, balloons in hand and toys by their side, the Almon family held a private birthday memo-

rial for Baylee.

More than the other families in Oklahoma, including Edye Smith, whose two sons Colton and Chase also died in the blast, Aren Almon has become the focus for those still struggling to understand the horror of a bomb that took the lives of 168 people

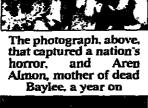
Those who felt the shudder of the explosion and witnessed the carnage have mostly recovered from the horror of the blast at 9.02am on April 19 last year. Today the majority of federal employees in Oklahoma will not return to work - a move more in honour of the dead rather than over any anxiety about a repeat attack. But for many of the victims' families and indeed survivors

of the Oklahoma tragedy, time has stood still. Mrs Almon, for instance, has been fighting a protracted battle to have the image of her daughter removed from T-shirts, buttonholes and even statues. "I want to remember her as she was.7 she said.

Throughout the city, there is an outpouring of grief, especially for the dead children. The chain fence surrounding



The photograph, above, that captured a nation's horror, and Almon, mother of dead



the site of the federal building has become a mourning mecca on which teddy bears, ribbons and wreaths hang

wailing wall. Six children, apparently sit-ting in a cubbyhole away from the windows, survived the blast and have since become known as the "Little Miracles of the Bombing". They are in various states of physical and mental health. P.J. Allen, two. was in intensive care for weeks. His lungs are so badly damaged he still sleeps inhaling from an oxygen tank and relies on a tube inserted into

next to crucifixes and mes-

sages from schoolchildren.

This has become Oklahoma's

his trachea to help him breathe during the day. Nekia McCloud, five, had her skull fractured and.

though she can ride a bicycle

and walk normally, the young girl can barely utter 25 words. Joe Webber, two, had his mouth wired shut for two months and has a large scar across the left of his face.

Rebecca Denny, three, needed 130 stitches to repair facial cuts. Her younger brother, Brandon, lost part of the left side of his brain.

The eldest child survivor, Christopher Nguyen, six, was in a coma for seven days, both eardrums were burst and his internal organs damaged. "It hasn't been easy," said Thu Nguyen, his father, who arrived in America from a refugee camp in Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975.

On a blustery evening this week a candlelit vigil took place in the Oklahoma dusk. less than half a mile from the centre of tragedy. It was a small affair but one which, perhaps more than any other. served to illustrate why Oklahoma's suffering will not end today when Al Gore, the Vice-President, visits the site and the names of its victims are read to a silent audience. Washington: The House of

Representatives was set to join the Senate last night in ap-Terrorism Bill rushed through Congress in time for the first anniversary of the bombing (Martin Fletcher writes).

The Bill will accelerate executions of death-row inmates by curtailing the federal ap-peals' process. Bob Dole, the Senate leader and Republican presidential nominee, said it would "curb the endless frivolous appeals" that allow killers to survive an average of eight years after sentencing. But civil liberties groups said it would lead to the execution of innocent people.

The Bill also provides \$1 billion (£600 million) to fight terrorism and bans lundraising for terrorist groups in America. It also permits closecircuit television coverage of the trial of the two men charged with the bombine so that families of the victims will not have to travel to Denver, Colorado, to watch it.

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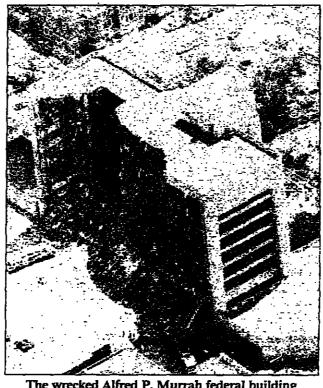
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The wrecked Alfred P. Murrah federal building

Defence turns to Lockerbie

forensic science experts in-volved in the Lockerbie disaster investigation have been approached by Timothy McVeigh's lawyers to help to defend the chief suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing (Tom Rhodes writes).

Stephen Jones, for Mr Mc-Veigh, said he was engaging the services of Dr T. K. Marshall, the former chief pathologist for Northern Ireland, and the forensic laboratory of the Lothian and Borders police.

they did some of the forensic work on Pan Am 103." However. Scottish police said that they had not yet agreed to take

Scottish police forensic team may be called to give evidence at his client's trial, due to start later this year. The defence hopes the Britons, including 21 forensic scientists in Edinburgh, can lend weight to Mr Jones's belief that neither Mr McVeigh nor

Mr Jones said British advisers deemed it unlikely the two

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experts Enid. Oklahoma: British

He said: They have some people who have considerable experience in Northern Ireland and have recently been employed there, and of course

Mr Jones first visited Britain in January to seek advice from counter-terrorism ex-perts. He said that Dr Marshall and members of the

Terry Nichols, his alleged accomplice, could have been responsible for last April's bombing.

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criminal lawyer with argu-ably the most difficult job in

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of Enid, Oklahoma, a typical

Midwestern town, sits in his

office and explains why his

client. Timothy McVeigh, was

an innocent bystander in the worst act of terrorism on

Mr Jones is confident that

the Government's case, the

largest criminal investigation

in American history involving

21,000 witnesses, is riddled

with reasonable doubt and

claims that his 27-year-old

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theory," he said. "I think it is

an eminently defensible case."

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fected Gulf War veteran who

plotted with his old army buddy, Terry Nichols, to

Mr McVeigh, the prosecu-

"All of this has been an

client had been framed.

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Lawyer is sure prosecution

case can be undermined

bomb the Alfred P. Murrah

building on the second anni-

versary of the FBI siege at Waco. Texas, in which 80

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He is alleged to have parked a rented van contain-

ing 4,000lb of explosive out-

side the building on April 19 last year. The subsequent

blast killed 168 people and

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Hours later, Mr McVeigh

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Chinese officers to be shot for 'conspiracy'

A GROUP of Chinese army officers has been sentenced to death for "counter-revolutionary crimes" and stockpiling weapons. Western intelligence ources confirmed yesterday. According to the sources and the Hong Kong news-paper Eastern Express, foreign electronic eavesdropping on army communications revealed that 80 officers were charged with counter-revolution. China's broadest catchall capital offence. Thirty-nine were sentenced to death by firing squad. The details of the

The "conspiracy" came to

ber last year turned into a olent fracas involving about 40 soldiers. Words were exchanged leading to an investi-gation which resulted in conspiracy charges. At a courtmartial in early March ten counts of counter-revolution. which embraces offences ranging from stealing cultural treasures and rape to armed uprisings, were stipulated, including "causing chaos" and

"holding secret meetings". The officers were additionally charged with collecting more than 400 weapons. 130,000 rounds of ammunition, more than 200 sticks of dynamite, 39 military vehicles

and four armoured cars. The People's Liberation Army, under the direction of the party's Central Military Commission chaired by President

reminded to obey the party. It is extremely rare for examples of army disobedi-ence to surface. A spectacular past example was when the commander of the 38th Army refused to obey an order to crush the Tiananmen uprising in June 1989. He remains in prison. It is said that other units feel shame that the army attacked Chinese citizens for the first time since the Cultur-

Jiang Zemin, is constantly

ation as the "big brother of the

Nonetheless, there is little obvious reason for serious army discontent. Although the forces are due for a cutback from three million men and women to 2.5 million, no time has been set. Mr Jiang promotes officers to the Central Committee in significant numbers. He usually appears in well-cut Western suits, but sometimes dons a severe military tunic, although he has never been a soldier, when he

meets his generals. The military has been given the task of projecting China's power beyond its borders for the first time in modern history. Its sabre-rattling in the South China Sea alarmed Asian nations from the Philippines to Malaysia.

The forces are well funded and are heavily involved in business, including property in Hong Kong. While officially the army receives £4.6 billion every year, which is only slightly more than the Australian military budget, the actu-al sum may be as much as eight times higher, which puts China in roughly the same class as America. Military experts estimate that Chinese defence spending has increased by 50 per cent every year since 1990. In its attempt to intimidate

Taiwan during its elections by firing missiles and staging mock invasions earlier this year, the military achieved little except to attract an enormous American task force into the western Pacific. This may have dimmed the lustre of China's generals who reportedly pressed Mr Jiang to take a tough line against the independence-seeking moves of President Lee Teng-hui. However, in two to three years the army may be able to invade Taiwan if it is willing to accept gigantic losses, risk a confrontation with America and fight a long war of



A young Liberian Krahn rebel at the Barclay Training Centre barracks in Monrovia. More than 20,000 people, including West African peacekeepers, are in the compound, besieged by rival factions (Sam kiley writes). Human Rights Watch says that six years of civil war have left thousands of Liberian children programmed to kill

Jackson 'cover-up over boys'

DJ sacked for Brown death joke

New York: Bob Grant, a controversial right-wing disc jockey, has been sacked for making a joke about Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary who died in an aircraft crash in Croatia this month (Quentin Letts writes). As initial reports came in on the day of the accident. Mr Grant said on his talk show: "My hunch is that he Brown! is the one survivor. I just have that hunch. Maybe it's because, at heart, I'm a

Mugabe moves to seize farms

Harare: Zimbabwe celebrared its sixteenth year of independence from white minority rule yesterday with an an nouncement that the Government was to seize 23 whiteowned farms to resettle black peasants (Jan Raath writes). This is the second attempt by President Mugabe to nationalise the 123,000 acres.

Niarchos buried with third wife

Lausanne: Stavros Niarchos. 86, the Greek shipping tycoon, was buried in a plain wooden coffin in this Swiss city beside Evgenia Livanos, the "only woman he ever loved". She was the third of his five wives. About 50 mourners, including exiled King Constantine, at-tended a service. (Reuter)

19 shot dead in Brazilian clash

Brasilia: At least 19 people died in a shootout between landless rural workers and police on a remote Amazon highway in the northern Brazilian state of Para, officials said. Police were trying to disperse 2,000 demonstrators pressing land claims. (Reuter)

Clinton apologises for rape of Okinawa girl by servicemen

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday apologised before the Japanese people for the "horri-'ble" rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl by three American servicemen who were stationed in Okinawa.

are prosecution

Addressing the Diet, Mr Clinton spoke of the sorrow Americans felt at last September's incident, which provoked protests on the island and national antagonism towards the 47,000 American troops in Japan.
The American people pro-

foundly regret the horrible violence done to a young schoolgirl there. Our hearts go out to her, to her family and her loved ones, and to the entire Okinawan community." Mr Clinton said on his final day of a state visit which focused on the security relations between the two

Yesterday's setting of the parliament building underscored Washington's concern to defuse anger that under-mined the US-Japan security



Clinton: told Diet of sorrow Americans felt

treaty, backbone of America's Far East strategy. The President said that his talks with Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, had built on the special relationship to enhance the security alliance. which he called "the cornerstone of stability throughout

The strategic declaration signed by the two leaders on Wednesday commits their na-

Appealing directly to the Japanese to back the strengthening of the alliance, Mr Clinton suggested the alternative was ominous. "Consider what might happen if the United States were to withdraw entirely from this region. It could spark a costly arms race that could destabilise northeast Asia." When Mr Clinton left Japan

tions to a more robust alliance

serving not only the defence of Japan but also the stability of

the entire Asia-Pacific region.

last night he had achieved his main goal of shoring up America's military strategy, even though some touchy trade disputes are still unresolved. To remain a global power, the United States depends on Japanese cash and Mr Hashirhoto pledged con-

tinuing financial support for American bases and a willingness to back the United States in foreign military operations by giving logistical support, instead of restricting Japan's armed forces to defending its borders as described by the pacifist constitution.

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FROM QUENTIN LETTS

IN NEW YORK

BODYGUARDS working for

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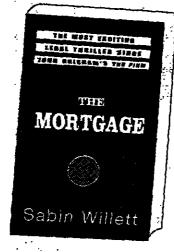
cover-up to protect the pop

singer while he entertained

Office of Special Services, 1992 Dangerous world tour. which allegedly intimidated boys as young as ten spent the other members of his entounight in the singer's quarters. rage and told them not to talk The star's head of security about things seen at his was told "to do whatever Neverland Ranch. necessary to protect Jackson from being charged or convict-

The papers have been filed in a suit by Jerome Johnson, a 6ft 8in former Jackson bodyguard claiming unspecified damages for unfair dismissal. He says that during Jackson's

ed of child molestation". The singer, who recently split from his wife Lisa-Marie Presley, could not be reached



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Outraged Chinese historians insist Marco Polo went east

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN QUANZHOU, CHINA

SCHOLARS and officials in Quanzhou, which Marco Polo described as rivalling Alexandria as one of the two busiest of the world's entrepôts, yesterday rejected a British historian's suggestions that the Venetian traveller never visited China, and said they were considering raising a statue of him here. In her book Did Marco

Polo Go to China?, Frances Wood, head of the Chinese department at the British Library, maintains that Polo's cellmate in Genoa probably invented most of the tale while Polo was in jail in 1296, during Genoa's war with Venice.

Dr Wood said that, al-though Polo claimed to have spent a great deal of time in China, he had not described the Great Wall, porcelain, Chinese pictograms, foot-binding or tea drinking. She also pointed out that Chinese accounts of the period talk of many foreigners who visited the country, but do not men-

tion Polo. "We are convinced Marco Polo did visit China and was here in Quanzhou," said Wang Lian Mao, 54, curator of the Sea Communications Museum here, where there is a bronze head of Marco Polo on display. "We believe his history to be true." Mr Wang is a historian whose museum contains

tombstones and other relics of early foreign residents, such as Muslim traders from Persia and later those of Spanish travellers. He said that in the 13th century Quanzhou was known as Žaytun — a word from which "satin" originated and was rich, attracting

Hole in the Polo legend: did he ever go to China?

The Times report on Dr Wood's scepticism

traders from the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Later its harbour silted up and it lost

He said discussions were going on about the possibility of setting up a statue to Marco Polo in this port, which is unsilted and eagerly seeking investment as part of China's programme of economic reform. Mr Wang said that Marco Polo's contribution to Chinese historians' knowledge

of China when it was ruled by the Yuan, grandson of Genghis Khan, the Mongol invader, was considerable. He cited Polo's reports on taxation at Zaytun being higher than in other Chinese port cities.

In his book, Description of the World, which chronicles his travels from 1271 to 1295, during which he served as an ambassador of Kuhlai Khan. whose summer palace he visited at Xanadu. Polo called Zaytun a splendid city inhabited by a "peaceable folk, fond of

That Polo had not mentioned tea drinking in his account, Mr Wang said, was explained because "possibly tea at that time was not as popular as today".

On his failure to refer to the binding of the feet of women Zhu Xin-min, a local official, said that women with bound feet would have been kept at home, forbidden to go out.

As to the fact that Polo did not describe the Great Wall of China, another official said: The Great Wall was built to keep Mongols out. It may be that Kublai did not want his Italian guest to see this, perhaps learing it gave a negative impression of the Mongols as



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Giles Coren identifies Sad Gap Syndrome

The truth about Tony Blair's legs

nything John Major can do, Tony Blair can do slightly differently. Prior to his 1992 election victory Mr Major appeared in public with his pants showing — the media went wild, the pants went back inside the trousers, and returning to Government was routine.

It would be far too obvious for Mr Blair to repeat exactly the same stunt before the next election. The old pants trick never works twice. So he has committed a new underwear-related faux pas.

Sitting cross-legged next to the most powerful man in the world, he leant back, crossed his left leg over his right, the trouser rode up, and there was a flash of Blair leg, pink and hairy, above the sock, Mr Clinton's

leg stayed hidden, for he wore the longer sock always favoured by the well-dressed gentleman.

Sad Gap Syndrome: look around your own office, there is always one. It is an error that Michael Heseltine, for example, would never have made. He is famous for the length of his socks, and his own calf has been seen by no one but Mrs Heseltine since 1962.

But not everyone is as well versed in etiquette. On Channel 4's A Week in Politics, guests sit unprotected by a table, and the show gives the electorate a unique chance to assess its representatives' hosiery. Host Andrew Rawnsley — au fait with the camera angles — is reputed to favour sock-uspanders. But most

suspenders. But guests are seldom so well prepared, and many is the hairy shin that has turned a by-election result.

The difference with the Blair debacle is that the whole world saw it. And yesterday, the shock waves were still rippling thorugh the menswear community.

For Sir Hardy Amies the showing of flesh between trouser and sock is the very worst sartorial crime imaginable. "I have never worn a short sock in my life." he insists. "A gentleman's sock comes over the calf. To wear anything that stops shorter is quite frightful. I can impress this upon you best by saying that in Italy, where correct dress is terribly important, one of the worst things you can call a man is a mezza calca, a 'half-socker'. It means, in short, naff."

He was, he said, wearing calf-length ribbed socks at that moment. They can also be plain, but the length is a legacy of their descent from the stockings gentlemen were

with knee breeches. That is why one wears

long, black silk socks in the evening."

In Jeremy Farrell's indispensable study, Socks and Stockings (Batsford 1992), we learn that during the second half of the 19th century men's socks were mostly invisible because of the fashion for high boots, thereby befuddling the issue until the First World War. Late in the century, however, as the shoe was set to make a comeback, dozens of patents were filed for sock-suspenders that claimed not to cut off circulation.

We also hear of a low point in 1914 when a young man in Indianapolis slashed his trousers to the knee to reveal red silk stockings. He was arrested, of course, and when he argued that he should enjoy the

same rights as women who wore split skirts, the women around him declared that it was "indelicate, inartistic, and hardly decent for men to show legs practically bare from the knees downwards". Mr Blair's advisers did well, then to keep him away from Indiana.

You certainly won't see a male shin in Jermyn Street. At Turnbull and Asser all the socks are three-quarter length. "I suppose they sell short socks in Marks & Spencer, but not in Jermyn Street," says Stewart, their chief sock man. "We do stock sock-suspenders, but there is not much call for them any more."

Flashing: Tony Blair in Washington

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them, but it is not a fashion that impresses Sir Hardy. "I don't think I have ever worn them. You can do whatever you like with your socks, though, so long as you are not showing flesh."

No gate would be feel appear to quibble

No one would be fool enough to quibble with him on a matter of this delicacy, but this is 1996. Social conventions and ancient proprieties are all waiting for a new dawn. There was a time when the displaying of a lady's midriff would have been laughable. But today that little flash, accompanied ideally by a pierced navel, is the very height of elegance.

Surely men should not be left out of the fun? If every gap must have its day, perhaps Tony Blair has signalled the acceptability of a new flash of revealed flesh. Sir Hardy doubte it

"It has never been acceptable," he says.
"And it never will be. You either dress like a
gentleman, or you don't give a damn."



The leafy approach to Radnage, and (inset) Janet Brown: the identity of her killer is still keenly debated by villagers, who favour the lover theory

Murder in the village

anet Brown was brutally murdered in her home a year ago this month. She is buried just outside the low, ivy-covered walls in the church-yard of St Mary the Virgin, in Radnage, Buckinghamshire. The grave, which is covered in bunches of daffodils and carnations, is not marked by a headstone; the ground is not yet settled enough. A tiny wooden stake, marked "J. Brown", is the only testament

to the body lying there.

The church is surrounded by rolling fields, patches of thick woodland and scattered farmhouses. Many of the families who live here are refugees from the city, who chose Radnage for its remoteness and tranquillity. The village is too small to have a shop, and for the sprawling, ancient properties surrounded by

acres of land there are no house numbers, only names. It would be the ideal setting for an Agatha Christie novel, It is a year since Janet Brown was murdered. Police have not found her killer, but believe it must be a local. Julia Llewellyn Smith reports

but in real life no one could have dreamt of the events of April 10, 1995, when Mrs Brown, 51, a loving mother of three, was bludgeoned to death in the living room of Hall Farm. Her body was discovered the following morning: naked, handcuffed and gagged.

and gagged.
At first, the explanation seemed clear. Mrs Brown, who had been home alone that night, had surprised a burglar, who had panicked and killed her. Over the years, there had been a spate of burglaries in the area.

Hall Farm, which had been the family home for ten years, had recently been put on the market for £345,000. Although set close to the road, it was surrounded by 11 acres of open land, over which a thief could easily have approached unde-

Mrs Brown, who had just resumed work as a research nurse in Oxford, was so anxious about theft that she had pioneered a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Nine years before she had surprised a burglar, and as a result had acquired a Great Dane called Carly, which had died the year before and had not been

Yet the burglar theory quickly began to show flaws. Mrs Brown had spent the last night of her life at home alone. Her husband. Grahaem, worked in Switzerland as a medical scientist for the pharmaceutical giant Ciba Geigy. Her daughter Zara, 22, a languages graduate, was working in London: Dominic, 21. was a student at Exeter University. Her youngest child, Roxane, 17, had announced earlier that day that she would be spending the night with friends.

hat evening Mrs Brown ate a small meal and at about Spm she spoke to a friend of Roxane's on the telephone. When her builder rang at 8.20pm, there was no reply. In this time an intruder—almost certainly a man—must have broken through the side patio doors and attacked her in her bedroom, where masking tape was found. At 10.20pm, a passerby heard the external alarm ringing, which cut off automatically after 20 minutes

minutes.

Little adds up. If Mrs Brown heard smashing glass at around 8.15pm, why did the alarm, which was triggered by buttons next to her bed and the front door, not sound for nearly another two hours? Most killers would have fled at the sound of an alarm, although the police have not discounted the theory that the killer, for some unknown reason, set it off himself.

The method of entry was complicated. A video and television were unplugged, but nothing had been stolen. Two cars were parked in the drive, the curtains downstairs were open and lights were on throughout the house. Mrs Brown was bound, gagged and helpless, but she was killed anyway.

killed anyway.
"On balance, I don't think the motive was burglary. If a burglar did it, it wasn't a half decent one," says Detective Superintendent Michael Short of Thames Valley Police, who

Julia Llewellyn Smit

investigation since it opened.
Since then dozens of theories
have been entertained, but
none makes complete sense.
There was no sign of a

been raped, tortured or sexually assaulted. Furthermore, she had not been stripped: her clothes were neatly folded at the side of

struggle. Although

Brown was naked, she had not

her bed.
"I can't understand that," says one police officer who worked on the case. "She may have gone to bed naked and been woken by the sound of breaking

glass. but no woman goes to confront an intruder without putting something on. She would feel far too vulnerable."

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Reluctantly, police and villagers have come to the conclusion that the murderer may be living in the community, protected by friends and family. "We feel that this is the case, because of the location," says Detective Superintendent Short. "It's someone who's either lived or worked in the area. I don't know if he was known to Mrs Brown."

The worry of burglary aside, chevillagers seem more titillated of than terrified at the idea of a

killer hiding in their midst.

There's nothing to be afraid of," says one neighbour, who like everyone I spoke to declined to be named. "We are sure that the murderer knew

'No let him into the house. Her husband was working away, and we all reckon she had a bit on the side."

Once Dr Brown.

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alibi, had been eliminated from police inquiries, the lover theory seemed the most likely option. Certainly, this is the ithout favourite theory in Radnage.

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tainly, this is the favourite theory in Radnage. Yet police have been unable to uncover any evidence of a secret life.

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Mrs Brown, it transpires, was a friendly, pleasant but reserved woman. Even those who considered her a close friend admit that she never discussed personal matters. Many in the village had speculated before the killing that the distance between Dr and Mrs Brown was more than geographical, but the

house was being sold so she could join her husband in Switzerland.

Over the past year, Mr Short's team have interviewed 2,700 witnesses and discussed the case with dozens of psychologists, psychiatrists and offender profilers. It have got my own views as a result of speaking to these people, but it would be unhelpful for the to go ahead and give my theories," he says.

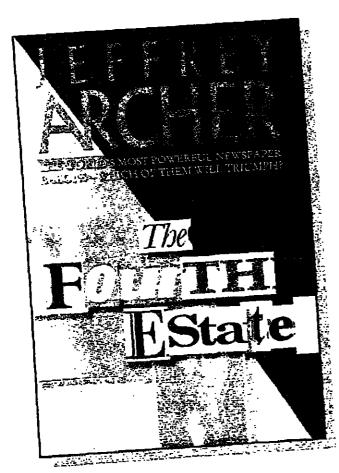
The likelihood of obtaining any more solid evidence is fading. "As time goes by, we have got to be less confident about ever solving this," says. Mr Short. "But we still have people working on inquiries and we are optimistic about two anonymous calls we have had from someone who appears to have information."

After the long winter, spring has come to Radnage. Lambs are in the fields, pheasants peck at the verges and laughhorseback trot in single file along the winding lanes. These are the sights that Mrs Brown would have enjoyed as she drove home from work on the last Monday of her life. Hali Farm has been sold and is now called Cabbage Hall, its original name. Builders are . working on the house and a large skip lies in the drive. And the Brown family are trying to come to terms with the fact that they may never know what happened to an adored wife and mother one evening last April.

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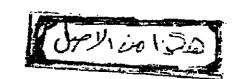
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Centre stage in a national drama

McIntosh is not widely known: but at 49 she is the most powerful woman in the British theatre. She has the looks of a leading actress, the fluency of a politician - she might have been either had she followed her early inclinations.

Instead Ms Mcintosh, known as

Jenny, is an elongated, highcheekboned, brown-eyed figure draped on a sofa inside the grey concrete mass of the building John Osborne called Colditz-on-Thames, looking out at the grey river under a leaden sky.

She runs the National Theatre as executive director, which means she is chatelaine, enabler, engineer, midwife, networker. When Richard Eyre steps down, and Trevor Nunn takes over as artistic director, Ms McIntosh will remain, a constant factor. She will oversee the massive spending programme which will, it was announced this week, go ahead, thanks to National Lottery money: £31.59 million from the Arts Council, plus £10 million they will raise themselves.

She loves this building, she avows. They all do. The National is a happy ship. There is a company spirit, down to the mice which scuttle within its concrete walls. But few would deny that it could be improved. Mary Soames, former board chairman, declared that while it was a marvellous institution, she found its exterior "intimidating", the stains on the concrete "like sweat patches on a man's shirt".

The lottery money will clean up the concrete, renew ageing machinery, and most importantly for us all, improve the front of the theatre and its riverside site. "It all needed doing, and the lottery has come along pat! Upon its hour."
Ms McIntosh tends to use these Shakespearean locutions.

There are two things which really matter about the way the theatre opens on to the world. First, there is no coherent entrance point. When it was built, it was commonplace for entrances to be put high up on walkways. But most people come in at street level, and there isn't anywhere inviting to go in. Second, the straitjacket of a road which cuts it off from its main asset, its proximity to the river. Nothing could be dafter, erful woman in the British theatre ably cut off on an island. We're cheering "Welcome".

The former casting director who has £32 million of lottery cash to spend on her biggest production - turning Colditz-on-Thames into a place of beauty

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going to create a big landscaped space which will be available for people, for performance."

Sir Denys Lasdun, the architect, now 82, also passionately loves his building. His acrimonious views of the proposed changes are well known. He thinks they will wreck his façade, and turn the interior into a supermarket" (they will relocate the bookshop and box office, to make them accessible

from the outside). His protests have obliged them to abandon a plan of removing the walkway. He took very strong exception to that It was very important to him and he is entitled to his view that his building

depends upon a series of planes for its aesthetic integrity and that is a critical part of it. "I thínk it is an interesting question," says Ms McIntosh carefully, "to what extent the original architect of a building owns it. A

building grows into itself, and what people expect from their environment in 1996 is not what they expected even 20 years ago." She points out that people have never quite "got" the building, since

it cannot properly be seen, except from the other side of Waterloo Bridge, a striking vision at night. "And to see the wonderful views you have to stand in the middle of the road. All we're doing is giving the building the best possible setting."

fter this interview I went to a preview of The Prince's Play (Hugo's Le Roi S'Amuse, in a Tony Harrison translation). It was Saturday night: cold, blustery. The approach was, as ever, dominated by dustbins, parked motorcycles, generators, ugliness. Everyone arriving first tried to get in by the wrong

"The building itself," Ms McIntosh adds, "is ideally suited to all kinds of different performances at different levels. We want to make that idea come alive by liberating some of the spaces. That a National Theatre was built at all was a result of a tremendous collective act of political

When McAlpine's began work in 1969, it was the biggest theatre ever built in Britain, costing \$16 million.

Everything went wrong: a shortage of building labour. fallings-out between architect and builder, troublesome stage machinery like the Olivier's notorious drum revolve. The delays ran on, the costs ran up. stagehands struck; Peter Hall was almost defeated by it. Before it was finished the

New Statesman

was declaring that

it already seemed: "as cumbersome as a dreadnought; expensive to build and maintain: demanding a crew of hundreds; dubiously relevant to the later 20th century." But Simon Jenkins declared it a masterpiece of British architecture, a Concorde of culture". And in recent years it has been artistically triumphant and

demonstrably popular. Genista — the name comes from Planta genista, emblem of the Plantagenets, a kind of broom was brought up, the eldest of five, in a Hertfordshire village called Little Gaddesden, fringed by spectacular National Trust-owned beechwoods. "And of course like all children brought up in beautiful places, I never gave it a moment's thought. Her father was active in local drama, and took her to Stratford, so the theatre seeped into her blood-

She read philosophy and sociology at York under Laurie Taylor, worked on the York Mystery Plays with the inspiring Graham Beynon and married a fellow student. Neil

McIntosh, director of Shelter and of VSO. It was only when working in a theatrical agency that she realised that the job she wanted more than anything in the world was as casting director of the RSC. "Then I saw that very job, advertised in the New Statesman. I applied — with no experience whatever. I would never get near it today. I suspect I was the only applicant from the Statesman ad — and perhaps they were intrigued. The first thing she cast was Peter Brook's world tour of the Dream. From being a secretary to the rehearsal room with Peter Brook. It was amazing. Peter Brook had changed my life when 1 saw his Lear (with Paul Scofield, Irene Worth and Diana Rigg) when I was doing Lear for A level. It made me realise that plays are live

killed casting is hard to explain, but in her long years at the RSC (where she rose to be part of the ruling triumvirate with Adrian Noble and Michael Attenborough) she had a hand in many an inspired casting, eg. the 23-year-old Ken Branagh, whom she had seen at the tiny Upstream theatre, as Henry V.

In 1990 she heard that David Aukin was leaving the National and "I shamefully jumped ship. I had to come here. I said to Adrian. it was the only job in the world that would have made me leave. He had every reason to be furious, but he was brilliant - generous and unreproachful."

She lives in Kentish Town with daughter and son and regards her life as charmed. She had just viewed the designs for the new Stephen Poliakoff play, and was off to a run-through of the new Wallace Shawn play with Miranda Richardson and Mike Nichols, directed by David Hare.

"Tonight I shall go to the Almeida, or to Fidelio at ENO. 1 very much like going to the theatre on my own. You don't have any responsibility for anyone else's enjoyment. It's a completely private pleasure."

About the lottery she confessed to the usual misgiving that funds committed through the Treasury might in future diminish, making the arts vulnerable to lottery volatility. "But of course this money could not conceivably be produced by any other means, so you can churlish. There will be dramatic

More tea, Miss Crawford?

What did Prince William say after his tryst with a model? **Quentin Letts** reports

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as it "Cindy" or a more Windsorly "Miss Crawford" when Prince William took tea with the Hollywood babe? To whom fell the conversational initiative the future heir to the Throne or the princess of the silver screen? Who poured? One aches to know, but the

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details of that teatime tryst are doubtless lost for good. When a young man meets his pinup, his grey matter can turn to soup. At such times, as any survivor of male adolescence will concur, your hands tend to flail, probably clobbering the sugar bowl Your voice eracks. One moment it is an

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such a beauty. Cynics may say this was a blatant publicity stunt to portray the prince as blokish. They would be wrong, for with that single assignation. Prince William has surely stoked the envy of British men far more than have any number of weekends at Sandringham or rides in an open landau. Footmen? Palaces? Rides on Concorde? So be it. But hot-buttered toast with supermodel Cindy? Grrrr.

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Miss Crawford will be far

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goods on what occurred in

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ing room. Did she curtsey on

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Our royals are masters of small talk, but here was a test. Even the most-travelled Lo-

thario would need to prepare well his opening gambit with

squeaks.

call him "Sir"?

op — the Eton Pop. that is — will be sure to debrief young Windsor at the start of summer half. A full and frank appraisal of his tea guest's political views will be sought, along with any other insights the young man can offer. One has to wonder at the sense of introducing a boy to his pin-up. What happens if she turns out to have feet of clay? It could unbal-

ance a lad. But that is unlikely. I bet Cindy Crawford gave the awestruck William a terrific wink at the end of tea. Kensington Palace has heard a few meaty yelps in its day, but I wager that after tea had been cleared, and after nice Miss Crawford had been shown to the door, the royal eaves resounded to the loudest, longest "phwoooooorrr!" uttered since the days of Lillie Langury.

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You think hamburgers are junk, eh? Not so fast, you wimpy snobs

I t would be helpful if Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner of the EU, could now declare that he "would not worty" about earlies British hamburgers. For hamburgers are decided as junk, convenience food. Food snobs assert that the brains of modern youth have been rotted by a continuous diet of hamburgers. And it is certainly offensive to scoff hamburgers (or anything else) in the street, the Tube or other public places not meant for eating. But warbabies brought up with rationing eat fast, polish their plates clean, and remember the arrival of hamburgers in Britain as a blessed relief from continual hunger, powdered egg. Woolton pies (in which rats' claws were folklore) and whale steaks. And a proper hamburger, to be found at Tootsies and Fortnum & Mason iif you are prepared to wait for them to kill the fatted bullock), is one

of the great urban dishes of the world.

For hamburger climbs Mount Improbable in history as well as taste. The original hamburger was a German sausage named after the port where it was invented, (cf. frankfurter). But the recipe of a small cake of minced beef, grilled or fried, is ancient. It goes back to Aristophanes and Apicius, the Roman Mr Beeton. The dish was just waiting for a name. And the mincemeat that became the modern hamburger originated in the Baltic, or perhaps in the Russian bitock, a beef cake. This was adopted as a conveniently packaged form of meat by the seamen of Hamburg (cf. the Cornish pasty), and they took it with them when they emigrated to America. It first turns up in English texts in 1889 as Hamburger steak. The 1904 St Louis World's Fair, where visitors discovered it in herds, propelled the hamburger towards its destiny as the quintessential fast food. And it was adopted as the main staple in the new fastfood chains. The White Castle chain was the first in 1921. McDonald's opened in 1940.

So at some time in the Thirties, the first Wimpy was created in Chicago. Like Coca-Cola and other such mass-market foods and drinks, it boasted of "secret" spices and bread baked to a carefully guarded recipe. Wimpy also crossbred with that other 20thcentury phenomenon that was growing as fast as last-food chains: the comic strip and cartoon film. Its eponym was J. Wellington Wimpy, a friend of Popeye.

The form of a Popeye cartoon was as strict as that of a Bach fugue. There was a gentle introduction with Pluto. Popeye's dog, and Olive Oyl, his skinny girlfriend. Wimpy would buy a hamburger with some such stock phrase as. "Wimpy is the name, sir. J. Wellington Wimpy," or, "I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburgtoday!" Thereafter, often in a nautical setting. Popeye would start to be beaten up by Bluto, the baddy with a black beard, or the piratical crew of an opposing ship. He was in real trouble. But at that moment he found a tin of spinach, a coherent, viscous. seagreen fluid, and emptied it into his mouth. His triceps swelled, and the opposition was annihilated. As the spinach poured in, the leitmouf swelled like his triceps, and Popeye had won. For Popeye was a herbivore. I'm Popeye the sailorman. [Repeat]. On cabbage and spinach, My powers don't diminish. I'm Popeye the sailorman."

The Popeye cartoon of the inspired runt who wallops the giant is one of the ten fundamental plots in fiction, since David v Goliath and Odysseus v the world. It is why romantics support Frank Bruno. From the popularity of Popeye's Ur-strip cartoon in the Daily Mirror, the Wellington bomber which led British raids into Germany in the war was also nicknamed the Wimpy. J. Wellington Wimpy's passion for hamburgers has now occupied every corner of the world, including Russia. Even France has le hambourgaire. The suffix -burger has produced as many new forms as the -gate in Watergate. So we have cheeseburgers, baconburgers, eggburgers, steakburgers, porkburgers, mouseburgers, chefburgers, and jumboburgers. Even Popeye could eat nutburgers, vegeburgers and spinachburgers. Burger on its own has become a respectable word. And, pace Popeye, the fast-food thousand-island publicists, food snobs and the wimps of the EU, a rare hamburger with red relish is fine food and revealing social history.



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Blair will win — and fail

he parody that helped Marga-ret Thatcher to win the 1979 election was of the Labour Government's reflex reaction to every political challenge: invite the trade union barons for beer and sandwiches at Downing Street and agree a "social contract. The parody that promises to play a similar role in the 1997 election is of the Tories' answer to every problem they have faced. From controlling health costs and running the railways to organ-ising the National Lottery, chasing up errant fathers or stopping prison es-capes, the solution has always seemed the same: hire management consultants, hold an auction, put the chief executive on performance-related pay and announce a "market solution". For better or worse, the Tory panaceas of privatisation and competition now command almost as little public confidence as the tripartite deals of the old corporate state.

For Tony Blair. Britain's disenchantment with market fundamentalism is a godsend, as he tries with one hand to suppress Labour's "tax and spend" image while with the other he holds out to the electorate some policies that look fresh and new. The disenchantment lets him carve out a large field of policies -on accountable government, constitutional reform, the quality of life and the spirit of public service in health, education and welfare - which Tory commercialism cannot reach. The new policies for what Labour describes as community building" need not cost large sums. And best of all, Labour might set up a political contest with the Tories well away from the economic battlefields on which it could very well still lose.

Labour has announced several poli-cies which could fundamentally change Britain's system of government and affect the quality of life. It has firm plans to devolve power closer to the people by offering national assemblies to Scotland and Wales and creating a regional council for London, while keeping its options open on regional assemblies for the rest of England. It has offered a Bill of Rights and a radical opening up of government — which, to judge by history, it might live to regret in office. A plan to reform the House of Lords may cost it dearly in terms of parliamentary time, but will probably corner the Tories into defending the indefensible, in the shape of hereditary voting rights. In other areas of public life, Labour

should also be able to steal a march on

In the last of his series, Anatole Kaletsky sees Labour as the party of public service

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the Tories, whose dedication to private market solutions to all possible prob-lems has thwarted sensible thinking in many areas of policy, such as university funding, public transport, competition policy, infrastructure investment, pensions and health. As one business leader remarked to me when I asked him why the Tories had failed so badly in transport policy (which industrialists generally rank as the Government's second biggest failure, after education): "To deal with transport you need a national strategic plan, and all three of those words are anathema to the Tories." On law and order. Labour may end up

adding little to Mr Blair's famous slogar - "tough on crime, and rough on the causes of crime" - but it has published some detailed plans to deal with young offenders, as well as to streamline the courts, and to break down restrictive practices in the legal profession, so improving the public's access to legal aid. But far more impor-

tant politically than any specific policies put forward by the Labour Party is its claim to a new way of thinking about public services. "We will be just as determined to squeeze effici-ency out of the public sector as the

Tories, because we really really believe in these public services and want them to deliver results," one Labour politician told me. But the party believes it can achieve efficiency not by bribing or intimidating teachers, doctors and policemen, but by sending them a longforgotten message: we will give you an honorable place in the community and restore your pride.

As one Labour adviser put it: "Why was the Prussian Army better than the Italian Army? And why were both better than a bunch of mercenaries? That is one of the most interesting questions in politics. The Tories do not even understand what it means."

With some more eloquence and refine-

ment, Labour could make an ideological breakthrough with its promises on devolution, democratic accountability and the spirit of public service. But could Labour win on the basis of social issues. when these are finally weighed against the pocketbook issues of its still uncertain policies on tax and the doubts about its strategy for business? The answer is probably yes, since elections are not always won on pocketbook issues especially Labour victories.

What happens in government is another matter. Once Mr Blair arrives in Downing Street, economic realities will loom large, along

with the other black hole in his policy: If European mone-

tary union goes ahead in 1999, will Labour join? I believe the answer is yes. Its motive would be not just misplaced internationalist idealism, but also fear. Every Labour Government from Ramsay MacDonald's onwards has been crippled by a sterling crisis - in 1931, 1949, 1967 and 1976 -

and these crises go a long way to explain why Labour has never governed for two full consecutive terms. What better way could there be to avoid the risk of another sterling crisis than simply to abolish sterling?

second reason why Mr Blair is likely to join a single currency is that Labour is instinctively pro-European, and becoming more so. Although it is still deeply divided over Europe, the generational structure of the split is the opposite of that in the Tory party. The Euro-sceptics in the Tory party are in the coming generation, whereas in Labour the anti-Europeans are concentrated on the

ageing left wing.

The greatest threat in office to Labour's social idealism will be the basic facts of economic life. Materialism may detract from the sense of public service, but experience shows that in the end

money is the most effective way of motivating people and competition is better at improving efficiency than exhortation. A Labour government will find public-sector workers demanding more money, as well as higher status. It will find costs soaring if competitive tendering and privatisation are abandoned. It will find huge ineffic-iencies in the public sector which it must root out. And it will find the business community fighting back against regu-lation, avoiding taxes and defending shareholders' rights.

Sooner or later Mr Blair will also face the nemesis of every government: the need to manage the business cycle, which neither inflation targets nor monetary union can ultimately avoid. In the election, however, such concerns are likely to be forgotten. As the economy improves, the economic issues on which Labour's policies are most dubious may actually loom less large in the public mind, while the preservation and improvement of public services will

seem more important. Ironically for the

Tories, the more the economic situation

improves, the more voters may feel they

can afford the risk of voting Labour. Every Labour Government of the past MacDonald's in 1924 and 1929, Attlee's in 1945 and Wilson's in 1964 was elected at a time of relative prosperity and optimism, rather than of fear and gloom. The only partial exception to this rule was Wilson's second Government, elected in the peculiar circumstances of the miners' strike in 1974.

On balance, then, Mr Blair does look extremely likely to be elected. What, then will he really do? In the past week, I have tried to present as many of his policies as possible without degenerating into laundry-lists. But in the end a government's success or failure is determined not by its manifesto. The real challenge begins when a new prime minister arrives in Downing Street to be confronted with economic crises, splits in the Cabinet and unpredictable world events.

So will Mr Blair prove more successful than John Major in handling the unexpected? We know very well about Mr Major's record; time will tell about Mr Blair. Experience shows that most political careers end in failure - and that the voters are quicker to turn on Labour governments than Tory ones. But a vote for Labour has always been a triumph of hope over experience. And what is life without hope?

America misses the EU's trick

Washington looks

the other way, says

Jeffrey Gedmin

mericans have been reluciant; internationalists ever since the A internationalists ever since the country's first President, George Washington, warned his infant nation against foreign entanglements. In some ways it is no surprise that the new Europe, lacking a menacing Soviet threat, hardly entices Americans. After all, the US is not a member of the EU; nor does it aspire to be one.

The present inter-governmental conference is unlikely to attract any more attention in America than the Maastricht treaty did. Too bad. The greatest voluntary transfer of sovereignty in history takes place on a continent where America has massive investment and trade interests, a continent that has gobbled up American blood and treasure in this century through two hot wars and one cold, and where 20,000 American troops have recently been deployed to help to bring peace to the Balkans. You would think Americans would pay a little closer attention to the reorganisation of Europe.

Yet Washington is looking the other way: to the Far East, the Middle East, southern Africa, Bosnia - anywhere but the EU. Foreign Affairs, America's national relations, has devoted barely 10 per cent of its articles to European issues over the past five years. Neither The Washington Post nor The New York Times has a correspondent in Brussels. The Clinton Administration's feelings about European federalism are unmistakably warm, but entirely vague. "We want Europe to be strong," says the President, "that is why America supports Europe's steps towards greater unity." Yet not even Brookings Review. with its close ties to the Democratic Party, has published a single article on monetary union since the Maastricht treaty was signed in 1991.

"Explaining the EU to an American is like explaining cricket to an American." - ... quips a British journalist. Debates over majority voting and the powers of the European Commission, the parliament, and the Council of Ministers often seem obscure (and not just to Americans), but? the stakes are high for America, too.

n Washington recently, John Redwood made some crowd-pleasing speeches against Europe's paternalistic, interventionist welfare states. in an attempt to drum up support among American conservatives for British Euro-sceptics. He was flattered by the" probably reflected the fact that the Republican House Speaker's press spokesman, Tony Blankley, is British. Similarly, John O'Sullivan, the Britishborn editor of the influential conservative magazine National Review, is the guiding force behind the "New Atlantic" Initiative", a project to be christened with a major conference in Prague next month. O'Sullivan's aim is to stimulate ' fresh debate about EU and Nato enlargement, about the future of Europe. and America's role there.

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Many Americans remain uncertain of what European federalism will mean for them. The whole Maastricht process is just not on our screen," says a Democrat working for the House international affairs committee, "- unless it's how Europe screwed up on Bosnia." The pathtowards monetary union has raised serious questions about sovereignty and democracy in Europe. It is of course primarily a political project, as its proponents readily confess. But populist demagogues on the Continent and the obstinate British are not the only ones who should be wondering why it is necessary or desirable to transfer so many powers to supranational institutions. Helmut Kohl, who wants to be chancellor of European unification. suggests that the alternative is a return to nationalism and war. Americans know this is nonsense. Nation states and nationalism are not the same thing. Americans ought to ponder what will happen if the campaign to bring Europe closer together succeeds in doing just the

common foreign and security policy will be a prime topic of discussion at this year's inter-governmental conference. It is intended to mean cohesion, power and greater effectiveness, which the Clinton Administration favours. It means burden-sharing, and should mean less for America to do. Strobe Talbot, Clinton's Deputy Secretary of State, has argued that the EU might pave the way as a model for globalism. He even gushed about federalism "as the basis for global government". Even Henry Kissinger-likes the idea that a US Secretary of State could make one phone call to consult the Europeans - and the European Commission is already proposing a single foreign representative to speak on the EU's behalf. But what would it mean for America if such a: policy were to paralyse countries which in the past have been important partners; of the United States? Mothballing the Atlantic alliance before anything meaningful can replace it should worry us all. Despite all the questions, European federalism is on the march. The Franco. German corps will be one day trans formed into a European army.

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penny has dropped -- yet.

Eventually, we will opt for our own:

defence," the Dutch European Commis-

sioner, Hans van den Broek, said-recently. If so, this too is something.

Americans ought to start considering now. But there is little sign that the

Palace Day

IN DENMARK, they are staggered at our collective tightfistedness towards the Queen, who will celebrate her 70th birthday on Sunday with no gift from the nation. The Danes, by contrast, have just handed over the keys to a renovated palace to Queen Margrethe as a present on her 56th

State, corporate and public donors pitched in £14 million to redecorate the Christian VII Palace in Copenhagen for the Queen. Work has been going on for 14 years and involved the shipping in of acres of pink Italian marble with His and Hers monograms for the Queen and her husband, Prince Henrik.

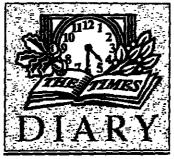
It was like a scene from Hans Christian Andersen, with gnomes of the Danish Government tearing up the bill that it would otherwise -have sent to the monarch for the decorating. The Queen herself helped out, by overseeing the design of the locks on the doors connecting the palace to her

neighbouring main residence. While everyone was saying congratulations," reported the Danish press, "the Queen was very sweet and said. For me, this is palace day."

hire Anouska Hempel, one-time model and wife of the financier Sir Mark Weinberg, to do their painting and decorating. Miss Hempel, who is big in the decorating business, is interviewed in the latest Vogue about her new hotel, called, with a louching modesty, the Hempel. Her rooms are tastefully painted in a variety of shades including



Hempel but not homespun



"bone, tea-stain, osprey dribble and the colour of flood damage".

Cheap shot

GUN ACTIVISTS have been having fun at the expense of Haley Barbour, chairman of America's Republican Party. A lobby group, Gun Owners of America, circulated its members with Barbour's phone number, urging them to call him to berate him about America's forthcoming anti-terrorism Bill, which will complicate life for the innocent sportsman.

Barbour had so many rambling protest calls - many of them beginning with a Southern drawl of "Now look here, boy" - that he changed his number. But a deep throat has now leaked the new Barbour number to Gun Owners. which has in turn circulated the up-to-date number too.

Result: a thousand index fingers dialled the new number, followed, not much later, by a Vesuvian ex-plosion from Barbour, who is fast developing a nervous twitch.

Newly proud

LANDSEER'S lions in Trafalgar Square are going in for a grooming. The pride of four that guard the base of Nelson's Column have lasted well since being cast in 1867. There is no record of their having had to be spruced up before, despite enduring the daily humiliation of hordes of grunting tourists clambering onto their backs and



"I think if's a Redwood"

Each of the 20ft bronzes will need three weeks of treatment under scaffolding, and the operation will cost the Department of National Heritage £25,000. "We are just repairing the pockmarks and bald patches," says a heritage-wallah. "but we don't want to stop people climbing on the lions."

With Lord Archer placing highrisk bets with Sir James Goldsmith on the number of votes the Referendum Party might win, it seems appropriate that Conserva-tives Abroad have relocated their North American HQ to Las Vegas. Sadly set away from the showgirls and casinos, the CA office is the spare room of John Lennon, 52. a systems analyst from Southall and chairman of CA's Nevada chapter. "Conservatives Abroad is here because I work here," says a jumpy Lennon, who helps expats to register to vote in British elections. "We have nothing to do with the gaming industry - or the Beatles."

Tickety boo

THESPIAN etiquette was trampled on the other night by the American playwright Neil Simon. He turned up at the Gielgud Theatre. bought himself a ticket to his own play, Chapter Two, and slipped unrecognised into his seat.

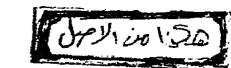
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Neil Simon: bad form

After the show, he decided to pop backstage to see the cast, which includes Sharon Gless, formerly Cagney of Cagney and Lacey, and Tom Conti. Bad idea.

Actors react to such lightning visits with all the control of startled nudists. "Sharon was very upset," says a source in the wings. "Simon had not told anybody he was coming, bought a ticket under another name, and was recognised by no one front of house except a Big Issue vendor outside."





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LOOKING-GLASS LABOUR

Blair is keeping his party, as well as the public, in the dark

For the past few weeks, our economics editor. Anatole Kaletsky, has been submerged in policy documents, speeches and position. papers from the Labour Party. His task, as expounded over the past week in The Times, was to determine as accurately as he could what Tony Blair would do in government. The results have been illuminating and, to many perhaps, unexpected.

What has surprised many readers is how much policy has actually been made; so often Labour is accused of Blur-ism. The charge has stuck, however, because there are still so many critical details to be inserted. As the outlines of Labour's less contentious policies sharpen, the gaps stand out more glaringly.

At some point between now and the next election, Mr Blair will have to solve the West Lothian question, suggest a structure for personal taxation, fix a minimum wage, set a level for public spending and decide whether to drop Britain's veto in Europe on social issues. The question is: at what stage should these details emerge?

Some of them are genuinely not yet decided. Labour still has not found a formula for devolution. On the others, there is an official Labour line and a real Labour line. Officially Labour argues that to reveal its most sensitive policy details now would lay them open to Tory distortion. In reality the silence is a delaying tactic. Labour leaders are determined first to sail peacefully through this autumn's party conference and Shadow Cabinet elections; then they can make ex cathedra announcements about the most contentious parts of the party platform; and after that Mr Blair can more safely hold his referendum of party members on the manifesto.

To understand this plan, it is important to distinguish between different layers of the Labour Party. The Shadow Cabinet is only about a third Blairite but at least, theoretically, it is bound by collective responsibility. The parliamentary Labour Party also has Blairites in the minority. Fewer than half the activists and trade unionists who attend conference are converted to their leaders' way of thinking. Mr Blair's only certain majority is among party members in the country, who are solidly behind him, and should demonstrate their support in the referendum. That is why he is going over the heads of MPs and activists to cement his programme.

Mr Blair will naturally have fears about the alarm his intended personal tax rates could arouse in voters. What is probably closer to his mind is the way in which they will infuriate members of his own party.

His silence, however, has enabled Tories to claim that Labour has a hidden agenda. The longer that he keeps his key policy decisions hidden, the more damage that charge will bring. If Mr Blair were to announce now that he would not introduce a top tax rate of more than, say, 50 per cent and that it would not bite before, say, £50,000 or £100,000, many voters who are currently apprehensive would be reassured and others would at least know where they stood. Similarly, he could posit the maximum level of the minimum wage and the approximate level of public spending that would be needed to achieve his aims. The pressure that is already on the Tories to be more concrete in their spending and tax plans would then increase.

Mr Blair has presumably calculated that he would prefer to be attacked by Conservatives than by his own party. More than anything else, he needs to retain the semblance of unity. But this stance also makes him look as if he has something to hide from the voters, when in fact those who are being most deliberately kept in the dark are his activists, parliamentary colleagues

NUCLEAR TRUTHS

Time to tackle nuclear pollution with the urgency it merits

This evening President Clinton, John Major and the other Group of Seven leaders will sit down with President Yeltsin at a Kremlin banquet. It is the start of an extraordinary summit to deal with the consequence of the world's worst technological catastrophe, ten years ago in Chernobyl. They are there because the wily Russian leader, anticipating a valuable boost to his re-election campaign, last year extended an invitation pictures assist Mr Yeltsin's return to the Kremlin in June, the discussions will offer him no free ride. Nor should they.

At issue is not only Western help with nuclear decommissioning but the appalling safety record, technological blundering and obsessive secrecy that have hindered all efforts to make Russia's nuclear submarines and power stations safe. In Russia, the world now faces nuclear perils potentially thousands of times more deadly than the radioactive aftermath of the Chemobyl meltdown in Ukraine a decade ago.

It is now more than three years since the West promised substantial help to close the remaining three reactors at Chernobyl and make safe other antiquated graphite-moderated reactors. So far Russia has seen little of the \$1 billion promised, and Ukraine is still waiting for most of the \$3 billion pledged to renew the crumbling Chernobyl sarcophagus and develop new sources of energy. Experts, Russian and Western, identified the most unstable plants long ago. Too much European Union aid has been gone to expensive Western consultants, rather than actual salvage work by Russian and Ukrainian nuclear technicians and scientists.

The most valuable aid to overall nuclear. safety has come from America, which has focused not on power generation but on disposing of the Soviet nuclear arsenal. Since 1992, the US has committed over \$1.5 billion to transport, store and dismantle nuclear weapons, while buying up highly enriched uranium from Kazakhstan and committing itself to the further purchase of 500 tonnes from Russia over the next 20 years.

In return for more effectively targeted assistance, the West is entitled to demand a minimum of co-operation and responsibility from Moscow. That has not been forthcom-The negligence and Russian officials is breathtaking. Villagers have found waste radioactive material dumped in woods and fields. Highly enriched uranium is stored in warehouses bolted only with padlocks. Records of nuclear holdings have gone missing, and officials have been caught smuggling nuclear material to unsavoury regimes willing to pay the price. The most disturbing statistics of all are in the Kola peninsula, home to Russia's most unstable reactor, where waste from ageing nuclear icebreakers and 70 decommissioned submarines is being stored in leaking containers, disused boats or simply dumped at sea. The total fissile material around Murmansk is estimated to be more than a thousand times the yield of the largest French nuclear test at Mururoa.

Mr Yeltsin knows he needs help; Western leaders know they must spend up to £20 billion to reduce the threat to manageable levels. Yet the Russian leader has done too little to persuade a secretive military to come clean with the facts - let alone to drop the outrageous spying charges against Aleksandr Nikitin, an environmental investigator who uncovered serious official misconduct. The West, in turn, could do far more to persuade taxpayers of the urgency of the threat. Faced with a dozen more Chernobyls and other nuclear pollution, the world cannot afford half-measures and delay.

A YEAR IN OKLAHOMA

Terrorism's aftermath has been handled with care

On April 19, 1995, an enormous explosion ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City killing 168 people. The scenes amid the carnage, especially the plight of the 19 children who died in the day centre, remain haunting. The obvious shock this outrage caused in the United States, and beyond, was compounded for Americans by the discovery that the accused were not of sinister foreign extraction but came from within. No precedent existed for such home-grown terrorism, and the incident brought to public attention a network of citizens, loosely organised around the various militia movements, apparently willing to take revenge against, as they saw it, an overmighty and intrusive federal Government.

Such incidents are too often the harbingers of hysteria and reaction. That threatened to be the case also for the Oklahoma bombing. The arrival of indiscriminate violence on this scale prompted public figures, including the President, to argue that national life could never be the same again. As the United States marks this sombre anniversary, it should be noted that, so far, grief has not been translated into a misguided backlash. Interest and concern about the armed antagonism of some groups remains high, as witnessed by the present bizarre stand-off between the FBI and a set of self-styled Freemen in Montana. The trials of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols will certainly strain emotions. Public and political actions, however, have been dignified and proportionate and are set to remain so.

This week Congress finalised work on anti-terrorism legislation that will be sent to the President today. It was originally conceived in response to the 1993 attack on the World Trade Centre, and there were calls for the addition of tough provisions to counter the threat that Oklahoma appeared to represent. These would have been easy for elected officials to endorse. Instead, what has emerged is a reasonable and balanced package that strengthens the capacity of intelligence services without the drastic restrictions on individual liberties - such as a vast extension of federal wire-tapping operations and a substantially enhanced role for the military - that some had suggested. An unusual alliance of civil libertarian Democrats and Republicans blocked proposals that would have stoked rather than subdued fears about the powers of Washington. The United States Constitution has not been another victim of the blast.

Oklahoma City will stop in silence at 9.02 am local time and remain quiet for 168. seconds. The names of the dead will then be read aloud at ten-second intervals. It will be an intensely difficult day for many there and across the United States. But, by its measured response, the country is entitled to some pride to set against the pain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Army's regret for the Cyprus killing

From the Minister of State for the Armed Forces

Sir. In his powerful and unequivocal letter to The Times (April 3) General Sir Michael Rose, the Adjutant Gen-eral, made plain the great sense of shame and deep regret felt by the British Army over the savage and despicable killing of Louise Jensen by three British soldiers. We all share in the agony which will be felt by Miss Jen-sen's parents (report and leading artide April 17).

Most service personnel behave in a supremely disciplined manner, and there is no question of violent behaviour being tolerated within the military ethos. I attach the highest priority to ensuring that standards of disci-pline and behaviour across the three Services are maintained at an exem-

Military personnel are instilled with a fierce sense of justice and discipline. There is no place in the Services for those involved in crimes of vio-lence. Any instance of indiscipline will be treated with the utmost severity; we will not tolerate anything less than the highest possible standards of behav-

I offer to Miss Jensen's grieving parents, family and friends, on behalf of the Government and all British Forces, my heartfelt sympathy and regret.

I remain your obedient servant, NICHOLAS SOAMES, Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, SWI. April 17.

From Mr Peter Almond

Sir. I am sure Mr Jim Davidson (letter, April 16) means well when he attempts to defend Brigadier Arthur Denaro's comment that the trial of three British soldiers in Cyprus was a trial of three individuals, not of the British Army. Mr Davidson's long commitment to support of troops in the field is remarkable and much appreciated.

But the fact is that soldiers are representative of the British Army, both on and off duty. They signed away their individual rights when they joined and can be ordered to battle - and to die - at any time of the Government's choosing; "Government Issue", as the Americans used to say.

This applies to bad soldiers as well as good, and the Army cannot bask in the reflected glory of good activities done privately by soldiers and then disown their bad deeds. This "owner-ship" of soldiers is what makes the Forces different from civilian society and is something which many peoout of uniform - and some in uniform — do not appear to fully understand.

I accept that there is pressure from the courts and elsewhere in society to apply civilian standards to the Services, and this is what may be causing Brigadier Denaro and other senior commanders to be confused about their control of off-duty soldiers. Soldiers are, and should be, reflective of the larger British society they represent; but society also expects them to hold to higher standards.

If this is lacking it may be that senior commanders need to examine the structure of supervision by senior non-commissioned officers and junior officers. The former have suffered heavily in manning cuts. The latter may need to pay closer attention to the American model, where junior officers are much closer to their men. Yours faithfully,

PETER J. ALMOND, 36 Heathside, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.

Flick endowment

From Mrs Anneliese Berry

Sir, With reference to Oxford University's agreement to return the £350,000 Flick endowment to Balliol College (report, April 16) I wonder how many fortunes were made by British industrialists using slave labour in the West Indies. South Africa. and indeed in this country and elsewhere, which were subsequently offered as "noble" endowments or foundations. I'm afraid I find the "holier than thou attitude a little nauseating.

As for the money, may I suggest that Dr Gert-Rudolph Flick uses it to provide holidays and rehabilitation for some of the physically and mentally scarred children from former Yugo-

Yours faithfully, A. BERRY, 83 Oakley Park, Bexley, Kent. April 16.

Railtrack offer

From Mr Harvey Cole

Sir. It appears that the directors of Railtrack will not be offered lavish share options when it is privatised. That is something of an improvement on previous sell-offs.

However, they will qualify for bonus payments of up to 40 per cent for meeting "corporate and individual performance targets". This is odd. One would have thought that meeting such standards should be the minimum that was required of them.

Are employees of all rail operations to be similarly rewarded if they drive the number of trains allocated to them or punch the planned total of tickets each year? And if not, why not?

Yours &c. HARVEY COLE. 9 Cifton Road, Winchester, Hampshire.

Continuing threat to Bosnian peace

From the President and Chief Executive of the International Crisis Group

Sir, The news that the 50-nation Bosnia aid-pledging meeting in Brussels (report, April 15) has elicited some \$1.2 billion (£800 million) towards the reconstruction of that war-torn country is, on the face of it, encouraging.

I returned on April 13 from a visit to Bosnia where the International Crisis Group (ICG) is engaged on a project to monitor the implementation of the civilian elements of the Dayton peace agreement. This agreement and the presence of Implementation Force troops under Nato command have brought a halt to the fighting in Bosnia. Life in the country is beginning to resume a semblance of normality.

But the Dayton agreement aspires to build a lasting peace. Its civilian elements lay the ground for democratic elections, for repatriation of refugees and displaced persons, restoration of human rights and reconstruction of the country. There is, however, little evidence of progress on any of these fronts.

A grave obstacle to progress is the apparent inability of the war crimes tribunal to act decisively. It is common knowledge who has been indicted and should be brought to justice: their names, photographs, even their addresses, are available on lists in Saraievo and elsewhere.

By failing to bring indicted criminals to justice in advance of the forthcoming elections, the tribunal will, in effect, confer democratic respectability on these individuals and their political parties which have changed little since the outbreak of war.

The tribunal's mandate requires it to "contribute to the restoration and maintenance of peace". It would be unforgivable - and a tragic irony - if failure now on the part of Nato governments to support the tribunal in fulfilling its mandate served to reinforce the power bases of many of those who bear responsibility for the war — the very war which the Dayton peace agreement helped bring to an end.

Unless action is taken very soon, the \$1.2 billion pledged in Brussels will be spent on bolstering an ethnically cleansed, insecure and partitioned

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS HINTON, President and Chief Executive. International Crisis Group, 3 Catherine Place, SW1.

Drug traffic and future of Gibraltar

From the Ambassador of Spain

Sir. Your leading article today, "Rock solid", is entirely right at least on one point: Spain has consistently ignored the provisions of the Treaty of Utrecht which stated that

... the town and castle of Gibraltar, together with the port, fortifications and forts thereunto belonging . . . be yielded to Great Britain without any territorial jurisdiction and without any open communication by land with the country round about.

Your reminder is particularly well timed now, when the Spanish authorities have to deal again with persistent drug-trafficking from the colony. Spain does not accept, as your leader alleges, that there have been "considerable advances" by the administration on the Rock in the fight against smuggling.

Since current licencing procedures for speedboats were introduced in July, 10.5 tonnes of hashish coming from Gibraltar vessels have been seized by Spanish customs officials. Over this period, 51 drug-smuggling runs from the colony have been reported. In 12 of these cases the smuggling were carmed out by boats which were thought to have

been confiscated. Those who hailed the measures introduced in July last year as the solution for this problem were wrong. Boats still remain at the disposal of smugglers.

The conspiracy theory that Spain uses the excuse of drugs trafficking to put diplomatic pressure on Gibraltar cannot be revived each time Spain de-mands the full commitment of Britain to solving this serious problem. Drug smugglers should not be honoured with so significant a role in the preservation of the colony's current status.

Yours etc. ALBERTO AZA, Embassy of Spain,

24 Beigrave Square, SW1. Aprīl 12.

Youth and the Church From Mr William E. Bridge

Sir, Your excellent leading article of April II, "The empty pew" [see also letters, April 17], diagnosed correctly the fundamental problem within the Church by its departure from the Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible. The liturgy in the Alternative Service Book, with its numerous permutations, makes common prayer impossible and scripture read-

ings almost a lucky dip.

No longer are children taught the creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, let alone in a common format. All are as relevant for today as they have always been.

It is time to call a halt to modern diversions: for all bishops and priests to return to their fundamental duties of instructing with diligence those committed to their charge in Holy Scripture, to minister the doctrine and sacraments as God commanded and with which the Church has entrusted them.

Yours sincerely, WILLIAM E. BRIDGE, 175 Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent. April II.

From the Reverend Ronald Fraser Yule Sir, We Scots, unlike the English, are not drawn to God by the "incompar-

Treasure hunters

From Mr Dennis Jordan

Sir. Treasure hunters may well have met with National Heritage officials (report, April 15) but the meeting I attended on that date was between officials of the Department of National Heritage and the National Council for Metal Detecting.

Undoubtedly, there are treasure hunters (a legitimate practice) within our membership; however, our meeting was the latest in a series of attempts to reconcile divergent interests concerning the protection of the heritage of England and Wales.

Sir Anthony Grant's treasure Bill, if

From General Sir William Jackson

Sir, I congratulate you on your well balanced leader. The unhappy Gib-raltar situation is entirely of Spain's own making. No Spanish Govern-ment has had the courage to accept that the Gibraltarians are a people in their own right. The Rock is their home and is not up for grabs.

When the Treaty of Utrecht was signed in 1713, giving "first refusal" to Spain, there was no third party involved, since the Gibraltarians did not exist. In the three centuries since then they have bred, prospered and often suffered great hardship. They are neither Spanish nor people of the United Kingdom but in their blood are the genes of both races and of other Mediterranean people.

The Rock is neither Britain's to give away, nor Spain's to acquire: it belongs to the Gibraltarians. If it had not been for Spanish intransigence, Gibraltar would have been granted her independence long ago. Gibraltarians have, however, no desire to exchange British paternalism for Span-

ish colonialism. Britain supported Spain's entry into the EC and Nato on the over-sanguine assumption that she would treat Gibraltar as a fellow EU member state. This was a grave error of judgment for which the Rock has paid dearly. Spain uses EU membership to in-

crease her harassment of the Rock. Is it not time for HMG to make amends by taking firmer action to persuade our European partners of the injustice of Spanish policy, despite the additional damage that might be done to Anglo-Spanish relations, which are already mired by the fishing dispute?

Yours faithfully, BILL JACKSON (Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar, 1978-82), West Stowell Place, Oare, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

able beauty of the King James Bible" but by the revelation of God as com-municated through Jesus Christ, our

Lord This constant harping back to outdated language, which serves only as a crutch for yesterday's expression of belief and doctrine, is the true barrier to any young or thinking person's search for meaningful religious

RONALD FRASER YULE. 15 Victoria Street. Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.

From Mr Stephen Wood

Sir. Your leader recommends a return to the form and language of the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer in order to attract back lost worshippers and a new generation of young people.

Would The Times expect to remove all illustrations, replace news on the front page with classified advertising and return to hot-metal printing in order to attract more readers?

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN WOOD. 8 Medlar Close. Bredear. Sittingbourne, Kent.

April 15. successful, will apply to all persons in-tentionally searching for, or casually

Sure. Yours faithfully **DENNIS JORDAN** (President, National Council for Metal Detecting). 3 Chapel Close.

Pulham Market, Norfolk.

April 17.

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Seconds out for an opera duel

From Mr Antony Pristavec

Sir. I was interested to read the "correspondence" between your opera critic. Rodney Milnes, and Raymond Gubbay, the impresario (Arts. April 12), about how far promoters should go in attempting to produce "opera for the masses". I believe both have valid points to make; however, if I had to decide which to support, it would pro-

bably be my fellow arts manager. Mr Gubbay rightly suggests that questions should be asked about the ludicrous situation in which the Royal Opera finds itself. How can the company justify the appalling waste of public money which we are witnessing in regard to its proposed closure of Covent Garden?

The company may point to the fact that the money allocated for the proiect development comes from the National Lottery and other non-Aris Council sources: but surely the whole existence of the Royal Opera is solely down to the taxpayer. Without this funding the company would simply

not exist. This, however, is not the case with Mr Gubbay's organisation. Receiving no public funding, he decided to take the risk of staging La Bohème at the

Royal Albert Hali. As an opera-lover, who has been attending performances for over thirty years. I went along to see for myself having already heard and read the damning criticisms of Mr Milnes and his colleagues before the opening night. I was certainly not offended by what I saw or heard and was, in fact, approving of the result and very glad

that the risk was taken. No doubt the dialogue will continue. The public do not need critics to tell it what it should, or should not, see and hear. Audiences will make clear their opinions by coming back for more or by staying away. We need only wait until Mr Gubbay's next outing to the Royal Albert Hall for the answer. I have a suspicion that Mr Gubbay will win the day.

Yours sincerely. TONY PRISTAVEC (Director, Antony Pristavec, Artist and Concert Management), 79 Norbury Crescent, SWI6. April 12.

From Sir John Burgh

Sir, Long may commercial and subsi-dised opera flourish and jointly en-courage and nourish ever larger audiences for, to quote your leader "Duets and duels" (April 12), "the empress of arts, bringing music, drama and design together in one exquisite fusion". But they won't if huge sums are spent on promoting the same operas in the same places at the same time.

The National Opera Co-ordinating Committee, which I chair, tries hard to avoid this. It is composed of the subsidised companies and representatives of some concert-hall venues

which stage opera.

We need Mr Raymond Gubbay to join hands with us to ensure that both commercial and subsidised opera will thrive and the public, our patrons, obtain the maximum enjoyment from a well planned repertory covering the country.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BURGH (President). Trinity College, Oxford.

Boos at the Garden

From Dr J. C. Green

Sir, Mr Nicholas Albery (letter, April 12) is quite wrong in thinking that all those who object to his brother's production of Nabucco at Covent Garden necessarily dislike anything new. This is certainly not the case.

What one takes exception to is the intrusion of the more bizarre excesses of the production team between the performers and the audience. The design and production should, after all, complement the performance. If, during some of the musically more moving and profound moments of the opera, the audience is reduced to laughter, as happened at the performance i attended, then I judge that production to have failed.

Yours faithfully, J. C. GREEN. 15 Hedingham Gardens. Plymouth, Devon. April 12.

Bill of Rights

From Mr Paul Shepheard

Sir, The idea of a Bill of Rights is not to protect people from government, but to protect individuals from the majority: whom the Government represents. Like J. A. Davis (letter, April 12) I prefer democracy; but I recognise that the majority is not always right.

PAUL SHEPHEARD. 22 York Rise, NW5. April 13.

To suit all tastes

From Mr Nigel Cory

to be made from potato starch (report, April 10) will include microchips. Yours faithfully, NIGEL CORY, 31 The Crescent,

Sir, Presumably the plastic products

Maidenhead, Berkshire.

WINDSOR CASTLE April 18: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this atternoon gave a Luncheon at Frogmore House Windsor Home Park. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 18: The Prince Edward, Truste

and Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, continued his tour of Kyoto. His Royal Highness this morning visited the Kryomizu Temple, the

Heian Shrine and Nijo Castle before attending a Luncheon in the Princes Hotel given by the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and the Kyoto Soroptimists. The Prince Edward this afternoon visited the Museum of Kyoto before travelling to Osaka to attend the Suiboku Art Exhibition at Quo Vadis

His Royal Highness later travelled a Tokushima. Shikoku, and attended eption and Dinner in support of the Award at the Prince Hotel.

Awatu at the Princer Poles April 18: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning amended the Second Welfare Sympo-sium at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SWI. Her Royal, Wichester House Terrace, Longon Royal Highness. Colonel-in-Chief. Royal Logistic Corps. this afternoon received Major General John Mac-donald upon relinquishing his appointment as Representative Colonel Commandant and Major General din Carrington upon assuming the

appointment.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Inter-national Health Exchange, this after-noon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Royal College of Nurs-ing, Cavendish Square, London WI.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Honourable Artillery Contractor's Annual Disputer Actually Company's Annual Dinner at Armour

House, City Road, London ECI. CLARENCE HOUSE April 18: Lieutenant-Colonel James Arkell today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel. The Royal Yeomanry, upon relinqui-string his appointment as Commun-ding Officer, Lieutenani Colonel David amg oncer, Detterant-Cooler Levi-Bone also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assum-ing his appointment as Commanding Officer of The Royal Yeomanry. KENSINGTON PALACE

April 18: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelry to Children, this afternoon visited Northern Ireland and was received on arrival by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Nor-thern Ireland (Mr Malcolm Moss, MP). Her Royal Highness proceeded to Ballymena, where she was received by Colonel James Leslie (Vice Lord-Lieuterant of County Antrim), and opened the Ballymena Children's Centre, Rona Gardens, Ballykeel.

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Snowdon continued to Hillshorough Castle where she was recaned by the Lard-Lieutenant of County Down (Colonel William Brownkow), and attended a Reception for the supporters and staff of the National Society for the Prevention of

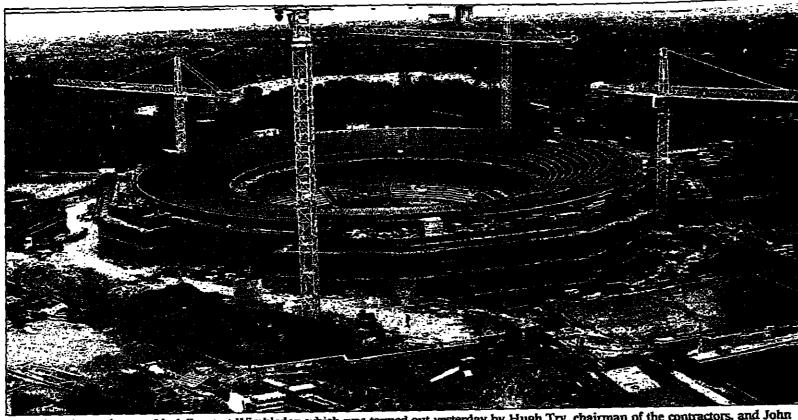
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Musical Evening at the Fishmonger Hall London Bridge, London EC4. YORK HOUSE April 18: The Duke of Kent. Chairman of Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference (United Kingdom Fund), this morning attended the Annual Trustees Meeting, Norwich Union House, Fenchurch Street, London EC3.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 18: Princess Alexandra, Pres dent of the imperial Cancer Research Fund, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon visited the ICRF Cancer Medicine Research Unit at St James's University Hospital. Leeds, and was received by Her

pital. Leeds, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles). Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogiby, this evening attended a performance of Carmen at the Edinburgh Ferrival Theatre and vas received by Her Majesty's Lord-ieuwnant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Right Hon the



Taking shape: the new No I Court at Wimbledon which was topped-out yesterday by Hugh Try, chairman of the contractors, and John Curry, chairman of the All England Club. The new court, seating about 11,000 fans, will open in time for next year's championships

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Mar-shal of the RAF, will attend a dinner at Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, at 7.30 in honour of those who fought in Bomber Command in the Second World

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Strathclyde Knitwear, 30 Ballot Road. Irvine, Ayrshire, at 11.40; and will risit Ayr Racecourse to open The Princess Royal Stand at 12.45. The Duke of Kent, as President-in-Chief of the British Racing Drivers' Club, will visit Benetton Formula One. Whiteways Technical Centre, Enstone, Oxfordshire, at 10.30; and, as President of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Or Anthony Toft to be a Physician to Her Majesty in

attend a dinner at the Officers

Mess, Strike Command, RAF

High Wycombe, at 7.25.

Scotland in succession to Professor Alexander Muir. The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Paul Hunt to be a Priest in Ordinary to

Luncheon

Institute of United States Studies Lord Wakeham was the speaker at luncheon of the Institute of United States Studies held yes-terday at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Professor Gary McDowell, Director of the IUSS. was in the chair. Professor Robert M. Worcester also spoke. Among

those present were sir David Nicholas. Mr John O'Sullivan, Mr Geoffrey Goodman, Mr Martyn Lews Mr Donald Trelford. Mr Peter Pression, Mr Roger Mudd and Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC, and Mr Michael O'Brien. Andrew Colquboun.

Abbot's Hill School term begins on

Monday, April 22, 1996. The Old

Girls Reunion is at 2pm on

Saturday, May II. 1996. All Old

Girls and their families are most

Former pupils, their parents and

former staff are invited with their

families to a special reunion at New Hall School on May 19, 1990, to celebrate Sister Margaret

Mary's 10 years as Headmistress.

Details and tickets from Mrs

Queen Margaret's School, York

Summer Term began yesterday and ends with Speech Day on July

6. A dinner to mark the tenth

anniversary of the transformation

of Queen Margarer's School to a

Limited Company will take place

on April 27. The Choral Society

and Orchestra will perform Mo-

Jacobs, Tel 01245 467588.

New Hall School, Chelmsford

Abbat's Hill School

School news

Dinners

HM Government Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given yesterday by Her Maiesty's Government at Lan-

caster House for the UK-Korea

Tylers' and Bricklawrs'

Forum for the Future.

Company
The American Ambassador and Mrs Crowe were the principal guests at a diruter of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company held last night at Skinners' Hall. Mr W.G.H. Fuller, Master, and Mrs Fuller received the guests. The Ambassador, the Master and Mr Nicholas Ward were the speakers.

Company of Chartered

Mr J.M. Renshall, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. presented cheques to the winners of the 1996 charitable project of the company at the spring livery dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall.

The major award was presented to The Bridge Trust and other awards went to ICARE Day Centre Trust and Asclepion. Presentations were also made to Miss Lynn Anthony, Mr Peter Turner, Miss Anita Chu and Mr Richard Gawn, who have achieved excellence in their studies and examinations. Mr W.S.C. Richards, Senior Warden, Mrs Justice Arden and Mr Ian Byatt also spoke. Among others present were:
The Masters of the Actuaries' and
Information Technologists'
Companies and the Masters of the
Guild of Management Consultants
and the Welsh Livery Guild. Mr
Anthony Hilton. Mr Roger Salmon.
Mr Edwin Glasgow. OC. and Mr

zart's C Minor Mass in the College

of Ripon & York St John on April

28. The Junior Summer Concert is

on June 30 and Sports Day on July

3. The guest speaker at Speech Day

Queenswood School
The Summer Term at Queens-

wood begins on Sunday, April 21, with Sally Smith as Head Girl and

Pascale Perry as Deputy Head Girl The official opening of the Queenswood/LTA Tennis Centre

will take place on Saturday, April 27. Confirmation will be on Sat-

urday. May II, at 10.45am, the service being conducted by the Bishop of Hertford and the Rev G.

Rogers. The Queenswood Ball, to mark the retirement in August of

Mrs Audrey Butler as Head-mistress, will be held on Friday, June 28; further details are avail-

able from the school. Speech Day

Tugendhat as guest speaker.

is on Saturday, July 6, with Lady

will be Ms Mary Portas.

All England Lawn Tennis and Cooquet Club Mr John Curry, Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club presided at the annual ner held last night at the institute of Directors. Mr John Barrett and Sir Paul Fox were the speakers.

Society of Chemical Industry Dr Alan Hayes, President of the Society of Chemical Industry, pre-sided at the Centenary Medal Award dinner held last night at the Hotel Intercontinental, and pre-sented the Centenary medal to Dr Robin Paul. Chief Executive of Albright and Wilson.

The Institution of Civil Engineers The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers was held last night at Grosvenor House. The President, Professor Tony Ridley, welcomed the principal guest, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP. who proposed the toast to the Institution. Mrs Sara Parkin replied on behalf of the guests. Among those present were: Annuag unoc present were Mr AUM. Dube, the High Commissioner for Botswana, Dr A.A. Shareef, the High Commissioner for Tanzania. Dr N.T. Childeya, the High Commissioner for Zimbabwe. Baroness Chalker of Wallasey and Mr Robert Jones, MP.

Old Sedberghian Club Lord Shaw of Northstead presided at a dinner of the Old Sedberghian Club (London section) held on April 17 at the RAC Club, Pall Mall. Mr ian Durrans proposed the toast to Mr Christopher Hirst, replied, 100

Reception

BIRTHS:

guests were present.

Mrs John Maior Mrs John Major was the host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street on behalf of the Stepping Stone Appeal.

David Ricardo, economist.

London, 1772: Christian Ehren-

berg, biologist and explorer. Delitzsch, Germany, 1795; Lucien

Lévy-Bruhl, philosopher, Paris. 1857: Getulio Vargas, President of

Brazil 1930-45 and 1951-54, São Borja, 1883; Herbert Wilcox, film producer, Cork, 1890; Richard

Hughes, novelist, Weybridge, Surrey, 1900; Jim Mollison, avi-

Robert II, King of Scotland 1371-90,

Dundonald, Ayrshire, 1390; Philipp Melanchthon, theologian,

Wittenberg, 1560; Paolo Veronese,

painter. Verona, 1588; Thomas Sackville, 1st Earl of Dorset, poet

and statesman, London, 1608; Queen Christina of Sweden,

reigned 1644-54. Rome, 1689; Nicholas Saunderson, mathematician, Boxworth, Cambridge-

shire, 1739: George Gordon Byron.

DEATHS

ator, Glasgow, 1905.

DEATHS:

Service dinner

The Princess Royal attended a S George's dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. General Sir Michael Wilkes presided. The Bishop of London, Colonel Graeme Gilchrist and the Canadian High Commissioner also

Service luncheon

The King's African Rifles Colonel Adrian Rouse presided at the annual luncheon of former officers of the 4th (Uganda) Battalion The King's African Rifles (The Uganda Rifles) and their ladies held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club.

Supper

Franco-British Society

Lord Strabolgi, a Vice-President of the Franco-British Society, presided at the annual meeting and supper held last night at the RAF Club. Judge David Edward, of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, was the guest speaker and Sir John Fretwell. chairman of the society, delivered the annual report.

During the evening Professor Douglas Johnson presented the society's 1995 Enid McLeod linerary prize to Miss Gillian Tindali for Celestine: Voices from a French

Appointment

Anniversaries

Mr Ivor Roberts, chargé d'affaires at Belgrade since March 1994, to be Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

6th Baron Byron, poet, Missolon-ghi, Greece, 1824; Benjamin Dis-raeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield.

Prime Minister 1868 and 1874-80.

London, 1881; Charles Darwin, naturalist, Down, Kent, 1882;

Pierre Curie, physicist. Nobel laureate 1903, Paris, 1906; Charles

Pierce, philosopher and scientist,

Milford, Pennsylvania, 1914; Hugo Winkler, archaeologist, Berlin,

1913: Sir Squire Bancroft, actor-

manager, London, 1926: Konrad Adenauer, 1st Chancellor of the

Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Rhondorf, 1967: Daphne

du Maurier, novelist, Cornwall,

The War of American Indepen-

dence began with the defeat of the British at Lexington, 1775.

Prince Rainier of Monaco married

American actress Grace Kelly.

The Soviet Union launched the

Salvut space station, 1971.

Royal Society

Company

Mr David Wyn Radford to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

The Hon Honor Exci A memorial service for the Hon Honor Earl, portrait painter, was held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street. The Rev Derek Watson officated, assisted by Canon Anthony Harvey, of Westminster

Memorial service

Abbey, officiated Mr Justin Earl, grandson, read the lesson and Mr Austin Earl, grandson, read Tennyson's Crossing the Bar. Mrs Cordelia Earl Uys and Mr Sebastian Earl. grandchildren, paid tribute. Baroness Brigstocke gave an address.

oness Brigstocke gave an address Among others present were:

Mr Stephen Earl (2013, Mrs Phyllis Earl (daughter-in-law), Mr Eugene Uys terandson-in-law), Rupert Earl (daughter-in-law), Rupert Earl and Theo and Fablan Uys (great grandchildren), the Hon Mrs Vartohnson, Mr Stimon Martholnson, Mr Brosper Martholnson, Mr Stimon Mr Stimon Martholnson, Mr Stimon Mr

Aleid Channing, Major and Mis Mark Romer. The Hori Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Sir Paul Wright, Mrs Lena Wickman, Miss Sue Lawjey, M.ss Adrienne Corri, Mr Piers Diaor, and Major and Mrs R P A de Berniere-Smart.

Lecture

Dr Tomas Lindaül, FRS, Deputy Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, delivered the Royal Society Croonian Lecture last night at 6 Carlion House Terrace. Sir Aaron King, OM, FRS, president, was in the chair.

Shipwrights'

The following have been installed officers of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr John G.M. Hart: Renter Warden, Mr James G. Freeland: Third Warden, the Earl of Inchcape: Fourth Warden. Mr Peter C. Tudball: Fifth Warden, Dr T. John Parker.

Institute of Biology The following have been elected as

The following have been elected as Fellows and may use the designatory letters CBiol FTBiol: Professor Leonard Archard, Professor Alastair Burl. Professor Nasser Chegini. Dr Christopher Davis, Dr Timothy Doel. Dr David Eichler, Dr William Erichne, Mrs Jennifer Gee. Ms Melody Greenwood. Dr Dennis Hill. Dr Roderick Humt. Dr Glyn James. Dr Winston King, Mr Brian Ratierty, Mr Edwin Smith. Dr Janet Thomas, Dr Susan Tunnicliffe. Dr Raymond Williams, Dr John Witcombe. Call 0171 581 8333 for information on membership.

Legal appointment

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss J.E. Macklin

The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Robin Althaus, of Marsh Benham, Newbury, and Jane, twin daughter of Mr Paul Macklin, of Bukawayo, Zimbabwe, and the late Mrs Margaret Macklin. Mr M.R. Edmunds

Mr S.R.G. Aithans

and Miss H.K. Sollitt The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr Guy Edmunds, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Mrs Joanna Edmunds, of Collingtree, Northampton, and Heidi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Sollitt, of Thaxted, Essex.

and Miss C.D.J. Ford The engagement is announced between James Thomas Hugh. only son of Mr T.H.F. and the Hon Mrs Parrell, of Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Caroline Diana luliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James D.N. Ford, of Jamac,

Prance. Mr J.J. Gallagher

Mr J.T.H. Farrell

and Miss C.H. Browne The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tom Gallagher, of Lapworth, Warwickshire, and Caroline Holly, only daughter of Mr Peter Browne and the late Mrs Brenda Browne, of Carlisle, Cumbria. Mr M.W. Lockhart

and Miss S.H. Leaver The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr John Lockhart and of Mrs Marcia Lockhart, of Southport, Lancashire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leaver, of Aspley Guise. Bedfordshire.

Mr P.H. Mallinson and Miss K.A. Hayward The engagement is announce between Patrick, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Mallinson, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Hayward, of Rockbeare,

Devon. Mr R.N. Mancais and Miss S.H.C. O'Flaherty The engagement is announced between Robert Neil, eldest son of Commander A. Mançais, OBE. and Mrs B. Mançais, of Cerne Abbas. Dorset, and of the late Elizabeth Mançais, and Sophie.

eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs

M.J. O'Flaherry, of Maidstone.

Kent. Mr A. Maxwell Macdo and Miss V. Bailey

The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Maxwell Mac donald, of Largie, Argyll, and Vanessa, only daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs David Bai

ley, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Mr M.B. Bügel and Miss C.E. Veal

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Bartus Bügel, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Veal. of Pershore, Worcestershire Mr W.A.J. Phillimore

and Miss J.S. Godden The engagement is announced between Justin, only son of Commander and Mrs W.H.E. Phillimore, of Beckington, Bath, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs P.S. Godden, of Biddenham, Bedford.

Mr C.J. Rapley and Miss N.M. Davico The engagement is automated between Colin, son of Mr and Mis-Roy Rapley, of Chiddingloid Surrey, and Nicola, eldest da ter of Mr and Mrs Carlo Daviso, of Hambledon, Surrey. Lieutenant J.J. Roose

and Miss LJ. Wright The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs David Roose, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, and Lucy, daugh ter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wright, of

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and Miss S.L. Morris The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs Ma. willert of Forres, Scotland, and the late Mr E.G. Willert, and Susannah, only daughter of the Right Hon Michael Morris, MP. and Dr Ann Morris, of Caesar's Camp, Sandy, Bedlordshire.

Marriages

Mr N. à Brassard The marriage took place on March 16, in St Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, between Mr Nigel Brassard, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.F. a Brassard, of Minster Lovell, Oxionishire, and Miss Addie Webster, eider daughter of Dr and Mrs H.D. Webster, of New

rence Moore officiated. The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Caroline Payrot. Miss Melissa Turner. Alice and Freddie a Brassard and Adam Reidy. Mr Charles Anthony was

Orleans, Louisiana, The Rev Law-

A reception was held at the Pavilian of Two Sisters, New Orleans, and the honeymoon was spent in French Polynesia.

Mr D.C. Fishburg and Mrs R.A. Malfinson The marriage took place on April 4, 1996, in London, of Mr Dale Fishburn to Mrs Rosalind Mallinson, née Hoare...

Birthdays today

The Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, 55: Mr William Baillie. president, Royal Scottish Academy. 73: the Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Nuncio. 74; Miss Sue Barker, tennis player £2,045,158 net. Dickie Bird, cricket ampire, 63: Mr Antonio Carluccio, restaurateur, 59: Mr Algy Cluff, chairman, Chuff Resources, 56: Mr Adrian Coles, director-general, Building Societies Association, 42: Mr Tim Curry, actor, 50; Mr Glyn England, director, The Wind Fund, 75; Mr Trevor Francis, footballer, 42; Dr Norman Godman, MP, 58; Lord Justice Henry, 65; Dr Sir John Horlock, former Vice-Chan-

cellor, Open University, 68: Mr G.B. Inglis, former senior partner, Slaughter and May, 63, Mrs Margo MacDonald, former MP, 53; Mr Dudley Moore, actor Mrs Eileen Mary Hollehome of Halesworth, Suffolk [1,074.25]

and composer, oi; Mr Garfield Morgan, actor, 65; Mr Murray Perahia, pianist, 49; Mr Richard Phelps. pentathlete, 35: Lord Justice Roch, 62: M Michel Roux, chef and restaurateur, 55; Mr Wilf Stevenson, director, British Film Institute, 49: the Hon Michael Trend, MP, 44: Mr John Watts, MP. 49: Miss Ruby Wax, actress and comedian, 43; Mr Andrew Welsh, MP, 52; Mr Philip Wroughton, Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, 63.

Latest wills

Kenneth Bent Suenson-Taylor, 2nd Baron Grantchester of Knightsbridge, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, a Deputy Chairman of Committees, House of Lords, since 1988 and a Deputy Speaker since 1990, left estate valued at

the left £10,000 each to Christs Goilege. Cambridge, and Westminster School Appeal Fund. £5,000 each to the Parishes of St Andrews, Granichesser, St John the Baptist, Ringston Vale, and St Margarets, Westminster, London, and £2,000 to the Royal Arthlery Charitable Fund.

Mrs Rose Catherine Wilson, of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, formerly of Moreton Morrell, left state valued at £755,476 net.

she left her jewellery, furs and trinkers to a personal legatee, and the residue of her estate, as to 3 / 8thsteach to Battersea Dogs Home and the Animal Health Trust, and 1/8th each to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Learnington Spa Branch, and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Other estates include, net before

Mr Stanley Henry Raymond Hornby. Ascot, £610,984

Berkshire Mr John Heaps Ingall, of Kendal, Cumbria E510.097 Mrs Jean Elizabeth Kittle, of Horning, Norfolk E532,742# Mr Derek Kerrigan Paley Newball, of Richmond,

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BIRTHS	

April 15th at The Portland Hospital to Alda and Joseph Berkmann. CARSLAW - On April 17th, to Nicola (tote Hayman) and Michael, a daughter, Anna. a COLLINS - On 12th April COLLINS - On 12th April 1996, to Kate Inde Hogg) and Richard, a daughter. Evelyn Frances. HAMBOTT - On 11th April 1996, to Jame Hanrott and Richard Griggs, a son. Alexander David Howard, a brother for Josephine. HOLLINGSWONTM - On 18th April 1996, to Louise

18th April 1996, to Louise (née de Borman) and Tom, a son. Alexander David Stanford, a brother for

Chartes.

JONES - On March 4m at The Princess Anne Hospital, Southampion, to Justyna (née Wnik) and Maithew, a daughter, Hampah Okoa. daughter, Hampah Olga, JICKER - On 11th April to Bridget (née Fisch) and William, a daughter, Aller Victoria Finch, a sister for

Charlotte.

RRILER - On April 14th, to Robert and Carolina (née Fowlie), formerly of Glasgow, a beautiful daughter. Daisy Crantone.

MORGAN - On 13th April 1995, to Angela (née Reid) and David, a daughter. Affela 1961. Livia.
PADFIELD - On Sigt Marci 1996. to Clare and David, a beautiful daughter. Alice Jane A great-granddaughan for Gordon and Gwen

Moryan,

RDX - On April 16th, to Dr.

(Boliver) and Henry, a son,

William, a brother for Oliver.

SMIPLEY CARBIT - On Auril

15th, to Nicole (née Cantwell) and William, a beautiful délighter, Rebecca throubeth.

DEATHS SMACEWELL - Peacefully at 80 Wilhid's Hospice on Apral 16th 1996. Cliffe Peter, much loved husband of Barbara and father of Sarah. Guy and Richard. Service Thursday April 25th at Bosham Church at 1.48 ps., Family flowers only. Donations to Chichester Stretce Club. c/o Edward White & Son, Funeral Directors, 5 Sonfin Pallani. Chichester (01245) 782136. JAMMETT - On April 17th 1996. Catherine Dukce of Wadebridge. Cornwall, beloved wife of the late James, much loved mother of John (decessed) and Ben Meson-Benneth. Funeral St

Meson Bennetti. ruma... Tudy Parish Church. Monday April 22nd 3.16 pm No flowers. HODSON - Otivia Charloti HUDSON - Givia Chariotis Rose, died beacefully at home on April 18th 1996, aged 2 years 8 months. Dearty loved daughter of Christians and Alan, stags of Thomas. Livvy was a sweet, ideal and very brave little girl. she was a constant source of low throughout her se GROOT - On 18th April 1996 at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital Guernsey, Dziuna Ruth refored mother of Karen an Nikki and sister of irens Private family funeral

giri. she was a constant source of low throughout her short life and will always be missed. Funeral Monday 22nd Aprì at 5 pm for all who knew her. All Sakois Caurch, Puney No Rovers. Donations c/o Jon Prächerd, to the REACAT Fund at Creak, Ormond Street Houghti or Camour Research Campaign. Donations if desired Cancer Research Charity. ERSWORTH - G.A. Raymond on 17th April in his 85th year at Kingston Hospital Dearly loved husband of Carol. Father of Julian. Studen and Natalia and grandfather of Rebecca. Anna, David. Jonathan and Joelle. Funeral at 8t. Andrew's Church. Church: Road Hang, Surrey. Mooday 22ad April at 1.300 pm. Crematica private. Family flowers only. Enquires to T.H. Sanders & Sons, let. (0181) 649-6967. JOEL - Bertie on 17th April 1996, adored husband of Irene. Loving father of Mandle, beloved grandfather of Alexander and Kalle, after a long and tappy life. No flowers, Douations & desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital.

FOX-HOLMES - Peacefully on 11th April 1996, Ruth aged 87. Widow of LLCol. Ceorge Fox-Holmes, Futheral Service has taken place. Enquiries Dillistone F/S. 01950-20055

FRASER - Irene, on April 17th, sped 94. Wite of the late Exic Fraser and dearest mother of Geoff. Mary. Richard and the late Feter. 9ranny of many grandchildren and great-gransy. Service at St. Mary's Church. Hampton on Thames, Thursday April 26th at 2 pm. All friends will be warmly welcome.

(01903) 200835.

LATTIN - Mirald Heiens suddenly at home on Monday 15th April, wife of Peter, mother of Lotte, John, Alex and Richard, daughter of Dorothy and Bewick Stack, and sister of Richard, Minni will be much missed by all who knew and loved her. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Pennilla, on Tuesday 25rd April at 11 am, Financia Directors Walkers, Tynefield House, Pennilla, (01768) 866606.

DEATHS OUVAT-VAN ZWANENBERG - Ode (Teddy). Died benoelully in her sleep in Geneva on 7th April 1996, Adored mother of Odlie and Salile. Loving friend to Andri and much loved by her 5 grandchildren and 15 grandchildren

MicRAS - Neil Hearne, after a short Illness at Royal Surrey Hospital on April 13th 1996, Beloved husband of Sally Beloved husband of Sally, and father of Floors and Angus, Service at St John's, Cauria, Churt, Surrey, or Wednesday April 24th at 2.50 pm. Flowers and enquiries, Thoras-Leggett, Petersheid Road, Whitevill, Bordon, (01420) 488896.

sorom. (01420) 465596.
POULTER - BIII. Very-suddenty at home on Agril' 14th, aged 73. Beloved; husband of Valerie; Thanksjiving Service at St Mary's Church, Coudhurst on Thursday Agril 28th at 2.30 m. Pieste no Rovers. but donations payable to RNLI c/o J. Perigos & Son. Bank Street, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 SEF - let: (01880), 713636.

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STUART-SMITH - On April 17th. Peacefully at home after a courageous fight. Laurence Mertiam, agel 56. Dearly loved husband of Lit. Cherished father of Caroline, William and Sara, and a much loved said respected brother, uncle and friend. Private cremation. brother, uncle and friend.
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Thanksgiving Service at 62.
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Crathrook. Kent TNT 3EF. Son, Bank Street Cranbrook, Kent TN17 SEF tel: (01880) 713636. TABS - Geoffrey Asquith died-reacchily aged 82 in Bath on-16th April 1996 surrounded by his leving family. All enquiries to Dolman (01225) 444110.

TWIRAME - At his home pescertilly on Saharday 13th April 1996, Alexander (Alex) and 80 years. Dearly level husband of Hazel, father of John, stepdaughter Wendy and the late Eric, Interval at Brigham Cemetery on Wednesday 17th April.
WILKESON - Miranda Anne Infe Scott, 2002 35, Reloand

loved by her 5 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held on 9th April in Geneva. (nie Scott), aged 35. Beloved wife of Andrew Wildeson of Hythe and mother of Araminia and Amanaa.
Funeral Service held at St
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SCOTT - The memorial service for Brigadier W P Scott DSO MC will be held at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St Nicholan, Chopel Street, Liverpool at 2,30 pm on Friday 17th May. Enquiries to RHO KINGS OISI 236 6363.

TOWER - Brigadier Peter Tower C.R.E. A Memorial Service will be held at the Guards Chapel. Wellington Herracia, London SW1 on Wednesday 8th May 1996 at 12 moon. Those wishing to park cars in Wellington Barracia, are asked to contact Regimental

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William K. Everson, film historian and collector, died from cancer in New York on April 14 . aged 67. He was born in Yeovil on April 8, 1929

THERE are few film institutions around the world which have not reaped the benefit of William K Everson's extraordinary knowledge, vast film collection and boundless generosity. To students in the Cinema Studies Department at New York University, where he taught for thirty years, he was an inspiring teacher, leading them on a path of discovery through the highways and byways of cinema, from Europe's great silent classics to some B-movie delight by a neglected master. The education continued at his Upper West Side apartment, an Aladdin's Cave of film cans, where he laid on screenings for friends and visiting scholars. Sometimes it seemed as if Everson never saw daylight at all.

The second secon He regularly shared his enthusi-asms with many film cinematheques in America and Europe, such as London's National Film Theatre. Born in England, he never lost his love for all things British, its cinema included. He arranged countless film seasons. seminars and tributes, often lugging the prints by hand from the airport, and leading question-and-answer sessions with directors he particularly admired, like Michael Powell, the Bmovie maestro Joseph H. Lewis, or William Witney, the serial king of Republic studios.

> Everson wrote enthusiastically, too. He distilled his love for silent cinema into his invaluable book American Silent Film (1978), compiled useful surveys of westerns, horror and detective films (three favourite genres), and wrote key books on W. C. Fields and Laurel and Hardy. And no screening at the New School for Social Research, where he showed films for thirty years, was complete without an idiosyncratic programme note, written on possibly the last manual typewriter in New York, full of credits, comment and arcane information.

William Keith Everson was a film fanatic since early childhood; he had a distant memory of being taken by his mother in 1932 to see The Maid of the Mountains - a dreadful film, he later recalled. To the end, he retained a gleeful enthusiasm for the movies seen at Saturday matinees, like B westerns and serials. He was already collecting as a child, if only film magazines; and he suffered what he later called one of the big tragedies of his life when his complete run of Boy's Cinema got lost on the Queen Mary when he emigrated to the United States in 1950.

By that time he had motley experi-

WILLIAM EVERSON



William Everson with Marilyn Monroe in 1955

ence running film societies and working on the industry's fringes in this country. At the age of 14, he had left Isleworth County School to take a job in publicity with the distributors Renown Pictures. At his interview they were particularly impressed with his catchline for a Linda Darnell film: "My kind of love gives a woman the strength of ten!" But after service with the Army and a brief period as theatre manager and publicist for Monseigneur News Theatres, he realised chances for advancement in England were small compared with America, land of opportunity.

Other emigrants on arrival would go straight to a hotel. Not Bill Everson: spotting a 42nd Street marquee advertising Chaplin's City Lights and Sternberg's The Scarlet Empress, two

films he had never seen, he leapt from his taxi into the cinema, leaving a friend to ferry his luggage to its destination. In 1951 he began working for Allied Artists as publicity director. Then from 1955 he worked freelance. advising on numerous television programmes, drawing upon a film collection that eventually comprised more than 3,000 features, with an equal number of shorts, serials, documenta-

At first money for collecting was scarce. To afford Are Parents People?, a delicious silent comedy, he walked to work and ate 25-cent lunches at Horn and Hardart's (baked beans, ropped off with a large slice of pineapple piel. The early 1950s in America was a fruitful period for film collecting. Neither studios nor television companies had

ries and two-reel comedies.

discovered the value of old films, and Everson, by various means, was able to save many prints from destruction. including work by major directors such as Murnau, Griffith and Stroheim. Some of his discoveries had their first public airings at the Theodore Huff Film Society, a Mecca for the discerning film buff, which Everson helped to form in the early 1950s.

Film collectors are usually maverick creatures, uncomfortable with academia or film archives. Uniquely, Everson was able to straddle both worlds, shaping the film history course at the School of Visual Arts, teaching at the New School, and finally New York University. With his delight in spreading knowledge, Everson made a natural educator, totally unfettered by academic fashions or dogma. Everson's courses made film history come alive, and introduced American students to areas of cinema - British films, for instance — that they would never otherwise experience. His books were always informative and entertaining. The pity is that he never managed to write his planned magnum opus on the roots of film noir, a subject close to his heart.

On a superficial acquaintance, some people took Bill Everson for a "fact machine". But to those lucky enough to know him well, he was a man of untold quirks: a man entranced by the simple things of life, whether it be feddy bears. trains, feeding the ducks in St James's Park on his regular visits to London, or wolfing down apple pie drowned in custard. His eyes would light up at the prospect of watching a Deanna Durbin film for the umpteenth time, or a vehicle for the silent star Betty Bronson, maybe Perer Pan or A Kiss for Cinderella: he appreciated cinema's real ladies, and he loved charm, and often bemoaned its absence in contemporary cinema.

He also had a deliciously black streak of humour. Not for nothing did he relish the films of W. C. Fields and the director of Frankenstein, James Whale: and he enjoyed the perversity of a 1994 obituary in a San Francisco newspaper, which used his photo to illustrate a tribute to William Everson, the Dominican monk who declaimed erotic verse to the Beat Generation in a flowing beard and robes.

Around that time, Everson was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Helped by his devoted wife Karen, he persevered with great courage, never once complaining; and up until his last two weeks summoned every remaining morsel of energy to teach two courses at New York University, on British cinema and the films of Ernst Lubitsch and Presion Sturges. He leaves his widow and a son and a

daughter from a former marriage.

HUGH BEGG

Hugh Begg, publishing executive, died from an aneurysm on March 30 aged 65. He was born on January 23, 1931.

HUGH BEGG was a founding father of Yellow Pages who oversaw its introduction to Britain in the 1960s and, more recently, launched similar directories in Eastern Europe. He became involved with it in this country as a senior executive in Roy Thomson's organisation. As managing director of Yellow Pages Limited he raised its annual turnover from zero to £8 million within five years.

Then in 1989, as the Iron Curtain was being torn down. that other media tycoon Robert Maxwell invited Begg to assess the potential for Yellow Pages in the Eastern bloc. The result was that Begg masterminded Yellow Pages editions in Hungary, Bulgaria and St Petersburg. The St Petersburg directory has been so success ful that some regard it as his living monument - earning him the sobriquet "l'eminence

jaune". Two simple ideas underpinned Begg's huge success. In the first place he insisted that all Eastern bloc Yellow Pages editions should be bilingual, with an English translation beneath the local script thus making them accessible to visiting Western businessmen and tourists.

Secondly, he kept a tight rein on the costs. In the absence of reliable source material, he mobilised military cadets and college students to comb the streets, drawing up lists of telephone subscribers for Begg's computer. They were paid in American dollars — "enough for half a pair of jeans a time" - ensuring that there was

never any shortage of volunteers. Yet for all his entrepreneurial skills. Alexander Hugh Begg had first set his heart on a naval career. Born in Malaya, he was the son of a civil engineer who was interned by

the Japanese in the Second

World War. His mother fled via Australia to Britain where Hugh was already at prep school. He was clever enough to win scholarships all the way, first to St Paul's, then to Pangbourne nautical — where he was head boy and finally to Dartmouth.

Commissioned in 1949, he

volunteered for the submarine

Mediterranean before being seconded for a year to the Australian Navy. After returning to Britain, however, Begg resigned his commission in 1956, uncertain of his longterm prospects in the Navy.
Instead he joined the market research department of

Kemsley Newspapers, four years before the company was bought by Roy (later Lord) Thomson. By 1961 he was in charge of the group's overseas operations, responsible for negotiating radio, television and newspaper contracts throughout the Third World. He moved on to become managing director of Thomson Television (International). He maintained that Roy Thomson had taught him all he knew about the media business.

Begg left Thomson's in 1970. He moved briefly to the British Printing Corporation, then became chairman and managing director of two publishing titles, London Editions and Egmont. He left these in 1978 when they were sold.

Begg had also, by this time. become involved with a group of other businessmen in acquiring the military book publishers Brassey's — until then known mainly for its Defence Yearbook. It was Begg's enterprise which helped to lay the foundations for its subsequent expansion and

In 1979 Begg was made managing director (later chairman) of Seymour Press - concerned with the overseas branch and served in the distribution of British newspa-

pers and magazines and the import to this country of French titles. Among his other achievements, he launched the fashion magazine Elle on this side of the Channel. It was on leaving Seymour Press that he started work on Yellow Pages in Eastern Europe, with which he was involved until he died. He had recently been planning a further expansion into Slovakia, Ukraine and the former Yugoslavia, to coincide with the regeneration of its

industries. Having successfully undergone open heart surgery in middle age. Begg was found last year to be suffering from an aneurysm behind an eye. He continued to work, travel-ling at a punishing pace around the world, but died in his sleep in a hospital in Monaco, where he had gone in the hope that a rest and some sunshine might restore his heaith.

Immaculately groomed, articulate and urbane, Hugh Begg was also a businessman of great energy and integrity. Some considered him too trusting and loyal for the world of commerce and thought that he might have earned more personal reward had he been more ruthless. But Begg needed to believe in the rightness of his work. In his youth he was an accomoushed sportsman sion for cricket.

He is survived by his wife Robin, whom he met while a naval officer in Australia, and by their three daughters.

PROFESSOR PETER ECKSTEIN

Peter Eckstein, Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology.

Birmingham University 1971-81, died on March 19 aged 81. He was born on April 12, 1914.

A SPECIALIST in comparative reproductive physiology and fertility control. Peter Eckstein was for ten years Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology at Birmingham University. His expertise led to invitations to assist in organising and reporting conferences on his field of study both at home and abroad. Through the agency of the World Health Organisation. he was frequently called upon to advise governments, particularly in the Indian subpontinent. His substantial list publications included several chapters in Francis Marshall's Physiology of Reproduction (1952), at that time the standard medical textbook on the subject, and a number of papers published in Acta Anatomica and other scientific journals.

Friedrich Max Peter Eckstein was born in Berlin, the son of a surgeon. He began his medical studies in Freiburg in 1931, but, after hearing Hitler speaking at a youth rally, he decided that he would prefer to pursue his training abroad and left Germany to study first at Geneva, then Bologna, and finally at Downing College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital. As a student he excelled. winning a prize for Bacteriology. He qualified in 1941 and served as a house physician in the Guy's group of hospitals before taking up a demonstratorship in the Department of

Human Anatomy at Oxford

University, 1942-45.

In 1945 Eckstein was invited by Professor Solly Zuckerman to join the select group of staff destined to revitalise the Department of Anatomy at Birmingham, to the chair of which Zuckerman had been appointed before the war. Eckstein played a significant role, pursuing experimental research into the reproductive physiology of rodents and primates - principally in relation to developing methods of birth control. Much of his work was funded by the grant Zuckerman negotiated

from the Ford Foundation. Eckstein was successively appointed senior lecturer 1958), Reader (1967) and then Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology (1971) at Birmingham University. When he retired in 1981 he was the sole member of the original Zuckerman group still in the department.



In addition to his many publications. Eckstein was assistant editor, 1952-57, then editor, 1957-63, of the Journal of Endocrinology, associate

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editor of the Journal of Reproduction and Fertility 1964-77; and a co-editor of both editions of The Ovary. But, although a man of scholarly reputation and wide culture - he spoke German, French, Italian and English fluently -- Eckstein carried his academic erudition lightly, and his quick sense of humour endeared him even to those irritated by his sharp eye ior editorial detail. From 1958 onwards he paid

several visits to the Indian sub-continent. In 1961 he also spent a year as visiting profes-sor of anatomy in the School of Medicine in the University of California, San Francisco. Nearer home he served as chairman of the medical advisory sub-committee of the Birmingham Family Planning Association (FPA) and was involved in the work of the FPA and the International Planned Parenthood Federation at national and international levels.

He also served for some years as a non-professorial staff representative on the university senate, and served on the board of postgraduate studies, the university research committee and the PhD committee. After retirement he was enabled to continue giving service as an editor through an honorary research fellowship in the Department of Pathology.

Peter Eckstein is survived by two daughters of his first wife, Beatrice Saward, whom he married in 1946. After her death in 1974, he married Annette Geale (née Boyle) in 1976, who also survives him.

HIS HONOUR ROGER WILLIS Roger Willis, TD, Circuit Judge (formerly County died on April 6 aged 89. He was born on June 22, 1906.

THE maternal great-grandfa-ther of Roger Willis, William Blenkiron, bred two Derby winners in the 1860s. Willis inherited from him a passionate interest in racing and right up to his death had a modest wager every time the sport featured on television. He was nearly as interested in cricket. and was a lifelong member of the MCC. He spent his 89th birthday at Lord's watching the Test match.

Willis made his career as a judge. He was respected and well-liked in the profession, and displayed a robust sense of humour in court. He was also a sociable man with a wide circle of friends, many of them at the Garrick.

Roger Blenkiron Willis was the grandson of William Willis, a County Court judge and Liberal MP for Colchester. He was the son of William Outhwaite Willis, KC, in the then Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division.

He was educated at Charterhouse and his father's old college Emmanuel, Cam-bridge. He was called to the Bar in 1930 and continued in practice until the outbreak of



war, having joined the Middlesex Yeomanry in 1938, then Cavalry Division Signals. The 2nd Armoured Division Signals, of which he was a member, sailed on the SS Strathallan, arriving in Port Said in January 1940. The division went up into the Western Desert. In March 1941 Rommel

started his first push and Willis was captured with many others. He was a prison-er of war for four years, initially in Italy and then in Germany. He told amusing stories of negotiations with the Italian guards and the curious Italian he thus learnt, which caused some surprise when he spoke it on later holidays. During this period he had

time to indulge his love of the theatre and, in addition to taking the leading roles in a number of prison camp productions, he had a good singing voice. He was sufficiently confident to make a recording on his return from the war. He was released at Lollar in April 1945 by an American armoured division.

After a short period in the legal department of the Home Office, he resumed his career at the Bar starting from scratch and built up a substantial practice in civil and landlord and tenant work. He was appointed a County Court judge in 1959. He sat in various courts,

among which was an appointment as deputy chairman of Middlesex Quarter Sessions. He returned to civil work after the Courts Act of 1971 and presided at Shoreditch County Court until 1981, after being invited by the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, to postpone his retirement on three occasions.

Willis was a deeply religious man and never missed a Sunday at the Royal Hospital Chapel, Chelsea. He joined in the hymns with gusto, invariably singing the tenor part. He was married in 1933 to

Joan Good, who died in 1990. He is survived by his two daughters.

DEATH OF SIR HENRY

We regret to announce that the veterar surgeon Sir Henry Thompson died yesterday afternoon shortly before 2 o'clock at his house

THOMPSON.

In Sir Henry Thompson the medical profession loses one of its most brilliant and most versatile members, who not only attained to European pre-eminence in a difficult and delicate branch of surgery, but also to considerable distinction in other and somewhat various walks of life . . .

Outside the work of his own profession, Thompson's most important achievement was the part he took in the establishment of cremation in this country as a proper method of disposal of the dead. He witnessed, and was much impressed by Brunetti in 1869 and 1870, and contributed an article, entitled "Cremation, the treatment of the body after death," to the Contemporary Review for January, 1874. In the same month a meeting was held at his house, and the following declaration was signed by all present-

We disapprove the present custom of burying the dead, and desire to substitute some mode which shall rapidly resolve the body into its component elements by a process which cannot offend the living, and shall render the remains

ON THIS DAY

April 19, 1904

Artist, art collector, gastronome and enter-tainer, the distinguished surgeon Sir Henry Thompson (1820-1904) did much to establish the practice of cremation "as a proper method of disposal of the dead".

absolutely impocuous. Until some better method is devised we desire to adopt that usually known as

The Contemporary article was replied to at length by Mr. Holland, then Medical Inspector of Burials for England and Wales, whose reply drew a rejoinder from Sir Henry, describing several experiments made by him on the bodies of animals in London and Birmingham, which proved that cremation could be easily performed without producing smoke or any unpleasant result, and leaving only a few pounds of pure white ashes. It was then decided to form a society for the purpose

of promoting the practice of cremation. This was done at a meeting at Thompson's house on April 29, 1874, and the society was the first instituted, the second having been set on foot at Milan in 1876. Thompson was appointed president of the English society ... Later sufficient money was obtained, and a crematorium was built at Woking: but its use was forbidden by Lord Cross, who was then Home Secretary, and the society was compelled to wait with such patience as it could command. Three instances of cremation in the provinces were left unnoticed by the Government, but, a body having been cremated in Wales in disregard of a prohibition from the local coroner, a prosecution was instituted, and the question came before the Law Courts in 1884. Sir James Stephen then gave his celebrated decision declaring the procedure to be legal if effected without a nuisance, and the society at once decided to perform the process publicly. The first body, that of a lady, was cremated at Woking on March 26, 1885, and the practice rapidly gained ground. Two-hundred and forty bodies were cremated there in the single year 1898. Sir Henry Thompson retained the presidency of the society to the last, and was mainly responsible for the precautions which are taken whenever there is any possibility of suspicion with regard to the cause of death.

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The Israeli Government said Katyusha rocket-launchers had been fired from an area within 300 yards of the compound of the UN Fijian battalion and blamed Hezboliah and the

Labour poised to curb child benefit

Labour is poised to scrap child benefit for a million youngsters aged between 16 and 18 and transfer the £700m it costs into improving education and training for poorer families. The proposal will be signalled in Edinburgh today by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor Pages 1, 2, 20, 21

Jensen apology

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has written to the parents of Louise Jensen expressing the Army's shame at her killing by three drunken British soldiers in ...Pages L 21 Cyprus

Asylum-seekers hit

Asylum-seekers were told in the High Court that they cannot claim council housing while waiting to hear about refugee status. The judge said he made his ruling refuctantly ...

Racist stabbing

A black teenage student was stabbed to death at a bus stop in southeast London by a gang of white youths simply because of the colour of his skin, an Old Bailey jury was told.......Page 3 Death row vigil

The mother and sister of John

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Scripps, who murdered tourists for credit cards and cash, waited outside a Singapore jail as he was

due to be hanged ...

Dissident can stay Muhammad Al-Masari, the Saudi Islamic dissident ordered out of Britain, was told that he could stay after all for at least four

Fishermen's fury

More than 2,000 angry trawlermen invaded London, some arriving by boat, to demand withdrawal from the EU's com-

Rattling the rich

When the IRA bombed 22 The Boltons, South Kensington, the terrorists rattled the windows of some of London's richest and most famous. Properties there have fetched £9 million Page 9

Triumph of hope

More than 2,000 works were expected on the first day for submissions to the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Last year only 1,100 of the 12,000 entries were successful.....

Nuclear control plan The Kremlin is to propose co-

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an armed bodyguard for his wife, Jemima. She has hardly left her home in Lahore since the bomb attack on his hospital Page 15

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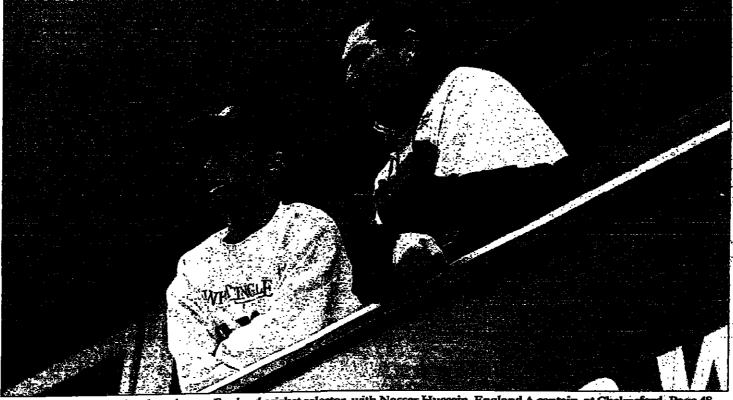
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Officers to be shot

A group of Chinese army officers has been sentenced to be shot for "counter-revolutionary crimes" and stockpiling weapons, Westmon fisheries policy............ Page 7 ern sources confirmed Page 17

Dummy-suckers grow up into dummies

■ Babies given dummies grow up to be dumber than average. Researchers found that the use of dummies was the strongest factor linked to a child's intelligence. They may make children less receptive to outside stimuli and less able to ineract with their parents; or it may simply be that they are used by less



Graham Gooch, right, elected as an England cricket selector, with Nasser Hussein, England A captain, at Chelmsford, Page 48

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Goff: Nick Faldo had an openinground 70 in the MCI Classic at Hilton Head Island, his first appearance since winning the Masters at Augusta

Football: Steve Bruce still has a

chance of playing in the Cup Final despite limping out of Manchester United's match against Leeds with a hamstring injury Page 44 Rugby union: The Rugby Football Union should consider modifying its grandiloquent name and view

the world from a less self-admir-

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It is urgent to reach an agreement to guarantee the security of the civilian populations of Israel and Lebanon which at the same time will respect the sovereignty of the country of the cedar - Le Monde Israel would do well to remember that its sworn enemy is not all of Lebanon but the fanatics of Hezbollah. Military measures should be directed at that specific Los Angeles Times | Youth and the Church...

Looking-glass Labour

Preview: Arthur Miller's famous play gets its first production on British television. Death of a Sales-

man (BBC2, noon). Review, Lynne Truss finds Ellington short on bud-

Tony Blairs silence has enabled Tories to claim that Labour has a hidden agenda. The longer he keeps his key policy decisions hidden, the more damage that charge will bring___

Nuclear truths

The total fissile material around Murmansk is estimated to be more than a thousand times the yield of the largest French nuclear test at Mururoa

A year in Oklahoma

As the United States marks this sombre anniversary, grief has not so far been translated into a misguided backlashPage 21

JEFFREY GEDMIN

"Explaining the European Union to an American is like explaining cricket to an American," quips a British journalist. Its debates often seem obscure but the stakes are high for America, too Page 20 PHILIP HOWARD

War babies brought up with ration: ing eat fast, polish their plates clean and remember the arrival in Britain of hamburgers as a blessed relief from continual hunger, powdered egg. Woolton pies and whale steaks. The hamburger is one of the world's great dishes Page 20

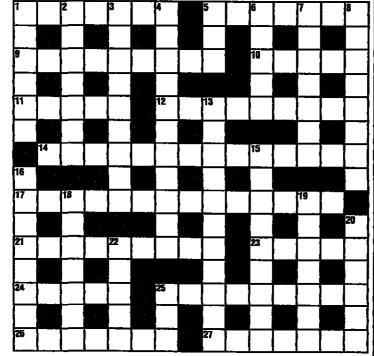
PETER RIDDELL Kenneth Clarke is correct and the

Tory right is wrong. The room for fiscal and monetary manoeuvre is so small that some ministers are wondering about the possibility of an autumn election

William Everson, film historian and collector, Hugh Begg, pubfishing executive: Professor Peter. Eckstein, Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology at Birmingham University: His Honour Roger

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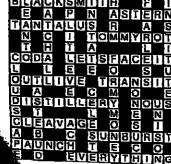
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I Disorderly male with case in Jumbo? Never! (7).

5 Go back to find right exit (7).

Winsor's heroine (5).

- 9 Showing cheek. being cleanshaven (4-5).
- 10 A sort of honour king gives
- II I'll be found in one spot that's natural (5).
- 12 Minor characters unheard in High Court? (5,4).
- 14 Plant producing lighting for Shanghai, say (7.7).
- 17 It began to rain hard, being blustery as well (4,3.7).
- 21 Composed without any frilis? (9).
- 23 Soldiers put back in first cavalry unit (5).
 - 24 Copy a king, being upright (5).
 - Solution to Puzzle No 20,145



- 25 Professional cricketer, one on trial (9). 26 10% taking oral, with leaders out
- to get entrance (7). 27 Entrance of French star, for instance (7).

- I it takes a pound to secure rises, though (6).
- 2 Chair involved with NW cathedral city (7).
- 3 Fast-moving English river within catchment area (6,3). 4 Small boat makes sea creatures
- dive (6-5). 5 Rose after 10 (3).
- 6 White of egg has a hard look, they sav (5).
- 7 Hold me up, provide support (7).
- 8 Vagrant gets near Troy, perhaps 13 I'll accept that fine after spring.
- too (4,3.4). 15 Evening paper taken up by almost everyone (9).
- 16 Put on spur, but not the second (8).
- 18 Soldiers trapped by river in flood
- 19 1 call round towards evening (7). 20 This was instrumental in splitting leaders of Spanish and French (6). 22 Tree sheltering a king, a devout
- man (5). 25 China cup, a Limoges piece (3).

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Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny intervals and showers, heaviest and most frequent in the west. Many eastern regions will stay dry. There will be a moderate to fresh south to southwesterly breeze.

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: rather cloudy, some brighter breaks but also some spots of rain. Wind southwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N: sunny intervals and generally dry. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

□ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen. Moray Firth: sunny spells and

 \square SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: sunny intervals and showers, some quite heavy. Wind southwesterly fresh. Max 12C (54F).

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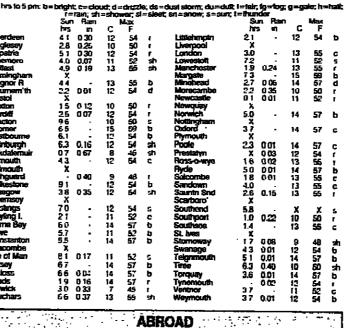
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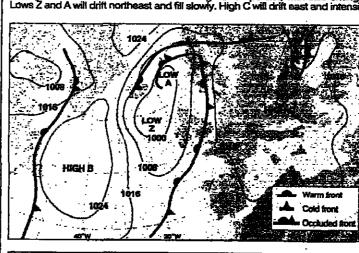
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